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Strike turns ugly in Minden

MNR worker knocked down during picket line fracas

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Ontario's civil servant strike took an ugly turn Thursday morning in Minden when a Ministry of Natural Resources worker was knocked to the ground during a scuffle with pickets as he tried to cross their line.

MNR employees who have decided to continue working through the strike are now forced to rely on OPP escorts to lead them safely across the picket line every time they enter and exit the Ministry's building on Hwy. 35.

In addition to that violent altercation, MNR staffers crossing the picket line have reported receiving intimidating phone calls in the middle of the night from OPSEU strikers.

One of the workers, Dennis Simmons said he was so unnerved by the calls that he has temporarily moved from his house and is installing a sophisticated alarm system with motion detectors.

Thursday's altercation happened shortly before 8 a.m. when MNR employee Peter Hynard attempted to cross the picket line to go into the office.

Hynard was confronted by two of the strikers — both jail guards from Lindsay.

"He was pushed and jostled to the point where he fell down on the ice," said one of his co-workers, who has also chosen to work through the strike.

Simmons and Hynard had tried to cross the line in their

truck, but the strikers wouldn't let them through. After several minutes — during which the strikers yelled at the pair in their vehicle — Hynard decided to try to cross the line on foot, while Simmons went to get an OPP escort.

"When I looked over I saw them dragging him backwards on the ice. It was one of the most pathetic things I've ever seen in my life," said Simmons.

"Someone pulled on his jacket and he lost his balance and fell," reported union steward Ed Cyr, who was on the line at the time of the fracas. "... It's unfortunate that it happened. It's not something we condone."

What disappoints a co-worker of Hynard's most is that other MNR employees on the line refused to do anything for him as he lay on the ground.

"None of the people he works with on a regular basis at the MNR interceded or helped him up at all," said Dan Smith. "Two supervisors from work had to come from inside to help him up. If there had been anyone with any gumption, they would have helped him up or burned their signs and gone into work."

Cyr said two strikers ran over to help the fallen employee, who was not injured, but he stood up before they could get to him.

One of the MNR workers crossing the line maintained the two Lindsay jail guards were present Thursday for the express purpose of intimidating union employees who are exercising their right to work.

"They were the goon squad."

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TAKING THEIR MESSAGE TO THE STREETS: Members of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union have set up three pickets in Minden, including this one in front of the Registry Office. Workers compare the government's tactics about pensions to legalized theft.

School board's preliminary increase is 3.5%, but trustees will pare it down with new "tool kit"

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton school trustees have had their first look at the board's preliminary draft budget for the upcoming year, but remain powerless to do anything with it until the province gives them the "tools" to cut and paste it into shape.

Already more than a month behind in the budget process, board members are losing their patience as they wait for Education Minister John Snobelen to unveil the long-anticipated "tool kit" he has promised will give school boards new powers to cut their budgets to cope with grant reductions.

"If we'd been holding our breath waiting for it there wouldn't be anyone left standing," business administrator Jim Bradley said at the board's meeting Tuesday night.

The preliminary budget calls for board to spend approximately \$17.9-million in the year ahead, representing an increase of about \$600,000, or 3.4 per cent, compared to last year's budget of about \$17.3-million.

However, Bradley stressed the first draft should only be seen as a starting point from which trustees are to begin molding a final budget.

The preliminary draft indicates estimated expenditures based on existing demands and includes all the funding requests from the various schools for capital expenditures and maintenance.

Many of those funding requests will likely be trimmed out of the final budget.

"There has been no attempt in this preliminary draft to cut anything," said Bradley. "This is just a reflection of the system the way it is now."

The 3.4 per cent expenditure increase is about 1 per cent

higher than the current rate of inflation, he noted.

Director of education Brad Saunders said board members should examine the budget, but urged them not to make any decisions about where and how it could be cut until Snobelen unveils his tool kit.

The board debated whether to postpone the meeting, which had already been pushed back once, but decided to go ahead with it for the benefit of a couple of the newer trustees who haven't gone through the budget process, he said.

A significant portion of the projected increase can be attributed to teachers' salaries, said Bradley.

While the salaries have not actually been increased, he explained, teachers have been placed back on the pay-scale grid since Jan. 1 when the Social

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Champion curler has Highlands connection

When the world championship in curling takes place, there will be a few Highlands fans paying particular notice to the Ontario women's rink. The team's second is Corey Beveridge, whose parents, Ron and Gail, own a cottage on Haliburton Lake. Her aunt and uncle, Glen and Wayne Hooks, are on Long Lake.

Corey is a 21-year-old engineering student at McMaster University,

who practises her sport once a day in between studies. Two years ago she was on the junior world championship team and we wish her every success as she represents Canada in the worlds.

In last week's Echo on page 7, we had a picture of what looked like a spark plug the size of a whale being transported through Haliburton. At the time, we thought it was a hydro transformer, but Lloyd Griffith of Wilberforce dropped by with a clipping from Bancroft, where the huge load was parked for the weekend. The caption says "according to the driver, it is one of four dust collectors enroute to E.B. Eddy in Pembroke. By dawn Monday it had left to finish the final leg of its journey from Kansas, to be installed at a new fibreboard plant. Lone Star Transport of Abilene, Texas, was the hauler using a leased unit out of Oklahoma."

Here's information about two public meetings relating to health: Healthcare workers are invited to here Mike Mandel, master hypnotist, discuss his program about "liberated creativeness, better communication skills, an increased ability to absorb data and improved decision making skills." The "tool kit for the brain" is presented by the staff development department of St. Joseph's Hospital and will take place Thursday, March 7 at the Peterborough Naval Association, 24 Whitlaw St. beginning at 12:30 p.m. Registration is \$25 per per-

son and includes refreshments and taxes. The Victoria County Medical Association, the Lindsay Heart and Stroke Foundation and Ross Memorial Hospital present an information meeting on "Cardiac Rehabilitation: Does it work?" Guest speaker is Dr. Terrence Kavanaugh, medical director and CEO of the Toronto Rehab Centre and an

associate professor of rehabilitation medicine at University of

Toronto. Everyone is welcome on Wednesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Lindsay. For more information contact Dr. Manmohansingh, 10 Angeline St. N., Lindsay, 705-324-6949.

The public is invited to hear Norbert Georget speak at a high school assembly on March 7 at 9:15 a.m.. His visit is being sponsored by the HHSS chapter of Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving. Georget is an internationally known paramedic and student motivator from Saskatoon and expresses a serious message to teens through true experiences, body language, slides, props and enthusiasm.

Youth Education Awards Night will be held in the Haliburton Legion auditorium at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7. At that time all the awards will be presented for public speaking, as well as Remembrance Day posters, poems and essays. All participants, award winners, teachers, parents, families and friends are invited to attend.

The Academy Theatre in Lindsay is presenting a "Junkyard Symphony" workshop and concert on Thursday, March 14. The workshop, for children ages 8 to 13, is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., when the concert begins. Tickets are \$10 each or \$5 each for group members. Call 705-324-9111 to register.

Board predicts "significant number" of retirements

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Contract ended.

Bringing those salaries — which had been frozen on the grid for three years — up to where they should be will cost the board about \$400,000, Bradley estimated.

In addition, the board is anticipating a "significant number" of teachers to retire in the coming year, which will mean it will have to pay out up to \$260,000 in retirement gratuities for unused sick days, said Bradley.

Last year the board budgeted \$150,000 for the same purpose.

However, Bradley estimated the board will be able to cut up to \$300,000 from its expenditures by replacing teachers who retire with teachers who have less seniority and are paid less.

Trustees will also likely be able to trim spending in the area of maintenance requests by the board's eight schools.

In total, the schools have requested about \$230,000 to cover a wide range of repairs.

Bradley pointed out that last year's request was likely about the same amount, but the board ended up setting aside only \$35,000 in its final budget.

However, the board will need

to spend some money to fix serious roof damage at a couple schools, including J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, he warned.

Dysart trustee Chip Trueman presented trustees with a report containing five recommendations of his own for the board to save up to \$82,000.

Among them, he recommended the board take the initiative to chop its present list of 15 trustees to seven in time for the 1997 municipal election.

The move would cut trustees' honorarium's to \$47,000 per year from the current tally of \$95,000.

He also recommended reducing expenditures on speech therapy by using local services, cutting travel expenses for board members by reducing mileage rates to 20 cents per kilometre from 32 cents per kilometre and capping the budget for teacher professional development activities at \$25,000.

"It's nickel and diming," said Trueman. "I think if you add it up, it comes to about \$85,000, which is a small amount compared to a \$17-million of \$18-million budget, but I think it's our responsibility to nickel and dime."

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Pickets say public support is visible

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The province-wide public servants strike that began last Monday has forced Haliburton County's Registry Office to cut back its hours and restricted the services offered by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

As of Friday — day five of the first-ever strike of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union — dozens of pickets were marching daily in front of the MNR's Minden office, the Frost Centre near Dorset and the Registry Office in Minden.

OPSEU members from all government offices and agencies affected by the strike are picketing at the three locations. However, the locations and times of the picket lines may change as the strike goes on, strikers said.

Because of a lack of staff, the Registry Office has had to cut back its hours of operation to between 12 noon and 4:30 p.m.

Manager Gerry Girard wouldn't comment on how the strike has affected the office's operations, referring media inquiries to a spokeswoman at Queen's Park.

However, Minden lawyer Don Finn, who relies on the office for title searches and other business, said the strike has not slowed down his work.

"I can still get the bare essentials done," he explained.

"In a week, the effects won't be felt at the Registry Office. It takes time," noted Ross Wray, an MNR employee who was on the picket line on front of the office last week.

Wray said he spoke with one person who is planning to sell his business and was "quite worried" he wouldn't be able to process the paperwork in time because of the strike.

At the MNR's Minden office, manager Stan Flemming said some services have had to be temporarily stopped.

"The office is still open for business, but we're operating at a reduced service level," he explained.

There are just three managers, three OPSEU members who have decided to cross the picket line and one non-union employee staffing the office.

Among those walking the picket lines are local workers from the MNR, Ministry of Transportation, the Frost Centre and the Registry Office, as well as clerical and maintenance workers from the Minden OPP detachment and probation officers, who are based in Lindsay.

Overall, strikers say they have received positive feedback from the public.

"Local businesses here are generally supportive because they know that civil servants spend a lot of money in this town and what we're not spending is going to be reflected in their tills," said the MNR's

Wray, in front of the Registry Office.

"We get lots of waves and honks. People are slowly starting to get information about what this is about," said Herb Roodenburg, also an MNR worker and picket captain on the line in front of the Ministry's office.

But there have been some negative reactions, as well. Registry Office employee Audrey MacMartin said she has seen a couple people give strikers rude hand gestures.

Roodenburg said he believes a strike can be an effective means of protest, even in a county where people aren't accustomed to seeing picket lines.

"I think our visibility here is showing the public that we're not going to roll over," he said.

Members of the public who cross the picket line to go into the MNR office are handed pamphlets, explaining the union's reasons for striking.

But since Wednesday, strikers haven't been allowing MNR employees who have chosen to work through the strike into the office without police escort.

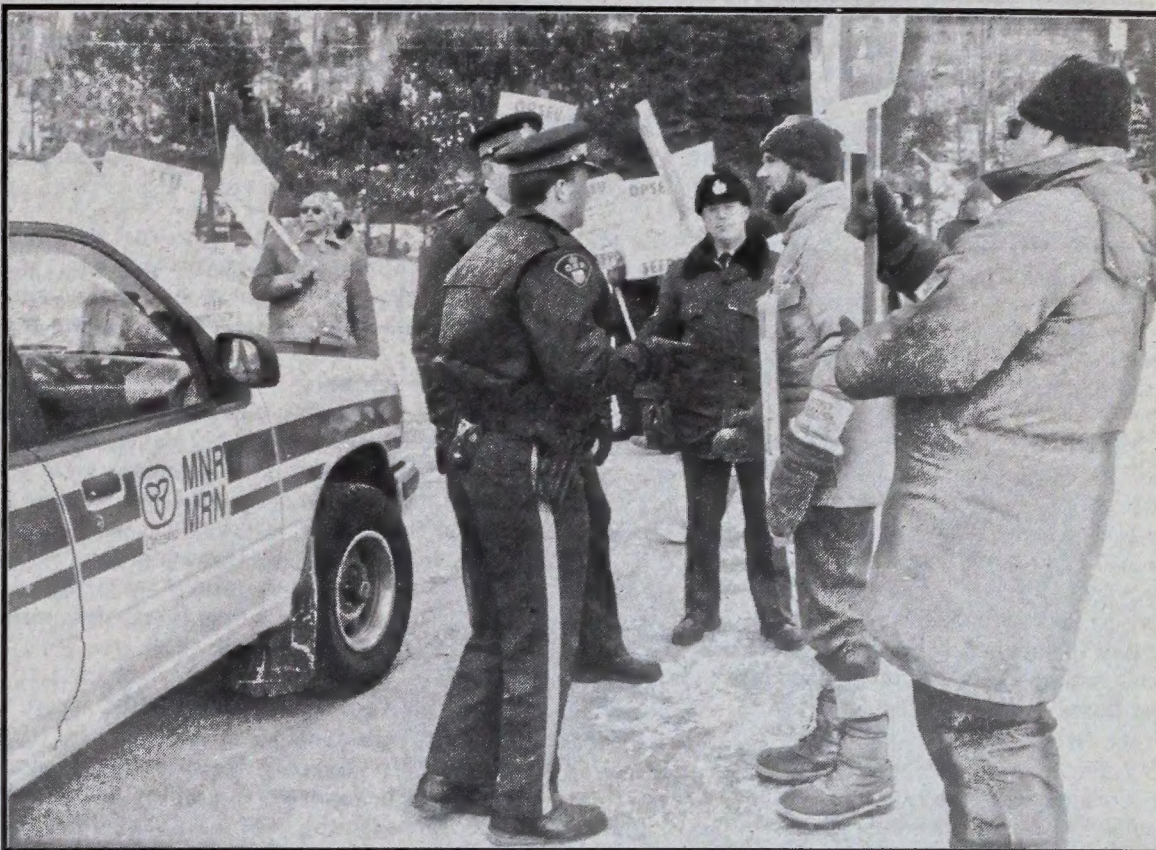
Union steward Ed Cyr said strikers would continue to hold up "scabs" at the line when they try to go into work because "it's part of our strike policy."

Audrey MacMartin said she is willing to walk the picket line "as long necessary" to see that the union gets its way.

"Everyone that began picketing at the beginning of the week is still picketing. No one has chosen to stop," Wray said on Friday.

But striking MNR worker Bill Dehaan maintained the longer the strike lasts, the more it will turn in Premier Mike Harris' favour.

"The clock ticks on his side. He's just been brought into office and has four and a half years to wait," he said.



A POLICE PRESENCE: OPSEU members who are crossing the picket line are now escorted by Minden OPP officers. On Friday afternoon pickets blocked the path of workers arriving in this MNR vehicle. One local picket banged on the truck's hood before stuffing her "scab" sign under the windshield.

Workers crossing picket line harassed, get phone calls in the middle of night

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They were there to threaten and intimidate, that's all," he said.

Cyr confirmed the president of the OPSEU branch which Haliburton area civil servants belong to had ordered the two jail guards to join the picket line in Minden in an effort to convince "scabs" to join the strike.

However, he said he and other local workers on the line, including picket captain Herb Roodenburg, told the jail guards and the union president they don't approve of the strong-arm tactics they took last week.

"In our opinion, we felt that it was a bit much," said Cyr. "... Our local president has been instructed that if he sends anyone up here again, we'll all go home."

However, he claimed the MNR staffer who was knocked down is partially responsible for "provoking" the scuffle.

The man should have crossed

the line in his car with a police escort, instead of "forcing his way across the line" on foot, he said. "He was being bull-headed, rather than waiting for a police escort which he knew was coming."

Cyr said the strikers faxed a letter of apology to Hynard and called manager Stan Flemming to explain their side of the story.

But a co-worker of Hynard's said the group's apology is an empty one.

"I'm disturbed that the local pickets are back on the line again today, even after they've had time to think over the incident," he said Friday. "This was a humiliating incident for a small town."

In another incident, he charged, the wife of one union member who is working was confronted and threatened by striking OPSEU members at her aerobics class.

Simmons said he is not intimi-

dated by local strikers. It is the OPSEU members from out of town who have joined the picket line that frighten him.

On the first day of the strike union members photographed each worker as they crossed the line so they have a record of who they are, he said.

Crossing the line, even with police escort, "is very stressful," he said. "I tell people last week was one of the most agonizing of my life ... It's spooky when they're screaming at you from only three inches away and calling you scab and every other name under the sun."

On Friday afternoon as Simmons attempted to cross the line, The Echo watched as a local female striker pounded on the hood of his MNR truck and chanted, "Scab! Scab! Scab!"

She then stuffed the crumpled placard she had been carrying under his windshield wiper, blocking his view.

"It's scary. It's scary business. It's not nice," said Simmons.

Regardless, he said intends to continue crossing the picket line because he feels he has a right and an obligation to carry on working.

The Minden OPP has said it will escort workers into the MNR's office "every time someone goes in or out" for as long as they are asked to perform the service.

A police officer, who refused to give his name Friday, said he isn't aware of any charges that are to be laid in connection with Thursday morning's altercation on the line.

Flemming said workers and strikers have to respect each other's legal rights to take a stand on their beliefs.

"It comes down to everyone respecting each other's decisions so no one gets hurt and we don't have any incidents," he said. "These are very personal choices and I certainly feel very deeply for people on both sides of the issue."



TAKING A STAND: Pickets say community is supportive because of important role they play in local economy. Drivers have honked their horns as they pass the picket in front of the Minden MNR.

Transferring Hyland Crest to health board doesn't have unanimous county support

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the February 21 meeting of county council.

Not all county councillors are sold on the idea of transferring responsibility for Hyland Crest from the county to the Acting Health Services Board. The transfer is part of the provincial government's capital project to move the the Minden emergency department to Hyland Crest and expand the county-owned nursing home to better reflect the needs of the residents.

"I don't feel we are committed to this mandate that the Board take over Hyland Crest," said Stanhope reeve and Hyland Crest management committee chairman Jock Mavor. No one has made a definitive statement about who will be responsible and "I don't think we've had enough discussion about the alternatives."

"If we're not committed (to the change), we should be," countered Dysart et al deputy-reeve Bill Davis.

Warden Murray Fearrey said the intent of merging the emergency site with Hyland Crest is to realize operating cost savings. He stressed the importance of the healthcare package, saying that "if we don't have health services, why will people retire here. Where's our future? Let's get started. This is an innovative

process new to Ontario."

Snowdon reeve George Simmons says the province's plan puts more control in local hands, which should be welcomed.

County council has previously passed two motions, one agreeing to assume a leadership role in raising the county's portion of \$3-million for the capital projects and the other to confirm and support the findings of the role study, which also supported the changes.

"Access centres"

Monmouth Reeve Keith Tallman blasted the provincial government for introducing Community Care Access Centres, which he believes will just duplicate an existing bureaucracy.

Health Units have traditionally provided the staff and administration for HomeCare and patient placements. The 43 new CCACs will take those two roles from Health Units and set up separate 10-member boards and administrations. Board members will be appointed by the province.

Meanwhile, the local health unit is in lease agreements for space it will no longer use and the government has said it will pay off those leases.

"I find this very hard coming from a ministry committed to cutting costs," said Tallman, who represents the county on the Health Unit's board. The proposed change "is

going to cost them millions of dollars. We just can't understand it. I guess the previous government was kicked out but the bureaucrats still continue."

He can't think of any way CCACs will save the government money. In all but name, he says they're very similar to the NDP's multi-service agencies, which were panned by the Tories.

However, one cost saving may be attained by firing all the present workers and then hiring them back on contract.

Budgets

Many of the department budgets are coming in with 0% increases, which also reflect the decrease in provincial funding. "Some of the 'impossible' things have happened," said Warden Fearrey.

County council has yet to start budget deliberations and the public meeting will be March 18 at 7 p.m.. The location has yet to be decided.

The goal is not to have any increase in the overall budget.

Welfare

Welfare statistics continue to decline. In January 1996 there were 84 fewer cases, representing 183 people who were dependent on General Welfare Allowance payments.

Hospitals could lose big in \$100,000 question

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The executive director of the county's two hospitals is looking for answers to a \$100,000 question.

In late February, the Ministry of Health told Foster Loucks it would be reducing its operating grants to hospitals with less than 50 beds by 2.5 per cent.

For Haliburton and Minden Hospitals, which last year received about \$2.5-million from the province, the cut would translate to a loss of about \$62,000.

However, at the same time as its announcement last month, the Ministry told St. Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough it would see its operating grants chopped by 6.59 per cent for the next fiscal year.

Because St. Joe's remains parent to the hospitals in Haliburton and Minden until April 1 when the Haliburton Highland Health Board takes them over, Loucks is uncertain whether the parent hospital can pass on the larger grant reduction to the two satellites.

If it does — and Loucks says St. Joe's has indicated in a letter that it intends to — the two hospital's would lose an additional \$100,000, or a total of \$162,000, in provincial funding.

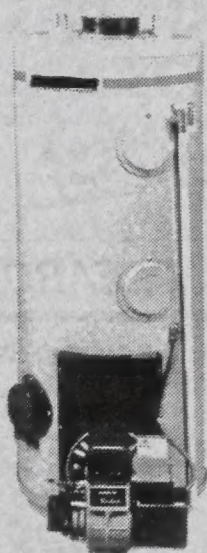
"To us, \$100,000 is a big hit," said Loucks. "That's two or three staff positions. And in a system such as ours it's very difficult to absorb that kind of cut."

Over the next couple weeks leading up to the transfer date, he and administrators at St. Joseph's will try to clarify with the Ministry whether the parent hospital can download its grant cut.

If not, it could end up having to absorb a larger hit itself, said Loucks.

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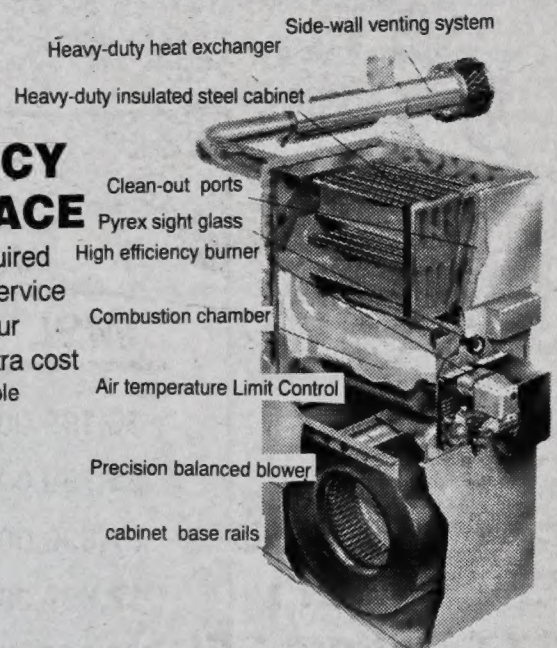
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WANTED:

People with ideas of how Haliburton County can raise \$3.5-million for hospital projects

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It would take a whole lot of bake sales to come up with the \$3.5-million this county needs to raise to improve its healthcare facilities. It would also take a long time — time this county doesn't have if the economy is to avoid going into a tailspin.

Good healthcare facilities are essential for the county's future. Without them, older residents might move away, and newcomers may not want to move here.

To help this county realize its potential, the Acting Health Services Board is looking for someone to head its fundraising campaign. This person would have a background in marketing and fundraising, and have a few ideas of how to augment all those bake sales with some major fundraising projects.

At the same time, the Board is looking for people to sit on a soon-to-be-formed charitable Foundation which will oversee present and future fundraising.

"I think the critical need is for a general manager of short-term fundraising, perhaps for one or two years," says Hugh Nichol, chairman of the Board's finance

and fundraising committee.

The Board hopes to realize its goal of raising \$3.5-million in two ways. The short-term campaign could involve a myriad of special events, business donations, payroll deductions and working with cottage associations and camps to raise an initial \$500,000. Then, long-term fundraising would then kick in. In dollar terms, would be more substantive. This money, raised through such things as bequests and life insurance, would help pay down a "mortgage" for the county's portion of the \$10.6-million capital project to add 30 long-term care beds onto Haliburton Hospital and move the Minden emergency facility to an upgraded Hyland Crest.

The "mortgage" idea is new to Haliburton County. After the last major fundraising campaign in the late '80s — to raise money for 18 chronic care beds that the province nixed just before the project was to be tendered — the health services board knows public skepticism about the present project is high. It would literally take years for the board to raise the \$3.5-million it needs (to add to the \$1-million garnered during the previous cam-

paign.) Instead, it wants to borrow the entire amount at the beginning of the project, knowing the community will wholeheartedly give their support once they see progress being made.

It's hoped construction could begin by next April. "We've got to go now or it's too late," says Nichol, who like the others, is worried the provincial funding will dry up if the process lasts much longer.

Haliburton County has the highest percentage of senior citizens in the province, and they also use the hospitals the most. The board feels area seniors will willingly support the project, since healthcare is such an important part of their emotional and physical stability.

Nichol has come up with a long-term fundraising idea that is particularly appealing to seniors. But it is somewhat complicated.

Let's say your spouse is no longer alive and the net income on your "final" return (a return is filed after you die) is \$50,000. If you're older than 65, the tax on that is approximately \$14,500. However, if your will bequests \$10,000 to the hospital foundation, your total tax bill



LOOKING FOR IDEAS: Hugh Nichol, chairman of the health board's finance committee, says there are many people in the Highlands with ideas and talents to share in the fundraising cam-

will be reduced by \$4,500. In effect, your \$10,000 donation costs the estate a total of \$5,500.

"If you have \$100,000 it's even more significant," says Nichol, who says the tax program allows people to use the hospital's services while they're alive and pay for it after they're gone. "If people really think the hospital is a worthwhile thing,

it's a great way to use it now and pay for it later."

If you are interested in joining the foundation's board, or taking on the task of overseeing the short-term fundraising, please phone the Acting Health Services Board at 286-4997 or write Hugh Nichol, Chairman Fundraising Committee, AHSB, Box 569, Minden, K0M 2K0.

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FOCA argues against privatization of Hydro

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) is concerned about the potential of increased hydro rates associated with the possible privatization of hydro service. Compounding this is the very short time frame allowed for submissions in response to the Macdonald Advisory Committee on Competition in Ontario's Electrical Sector.

FOCA is concerned that any benefits of increase competition and privatization may not be shared equally by all customer classes and there is the real potential for a massive shift of costs and risk to small customers such as cottagers in sparsely populated rural areas which have little purchasing power. In order to ensure fairness in hydro rates, FOCA believes that the existing and any restructured industry needs tighter regulation to ensure that no customer classes are seriously disadvantaged.

Briefly, here are the major concerns expressed by FOCA in its January 26 submission to the Macdonald committee:

- Retail rates and service policies should be subject to independent regulatory review, as are other utilities.
- The cost of regulation should be borne by the industry being regulated and not by taxpayers.
- The benefits of hydraulic generation should be kept in a public power pool and shared by all Ontarians.
- If a move is made towards privatization, it should start with the highest risk nuclear and highest cost thermal generation. If there are no takers, we should continue to share the costs and risks as broadly as possible.
- Transmission and distribution are natural monopolies and should remain under public ownership to avoid rate impacts due to shareholder dividends and taxation.
- Competition at the distribution level could be enhanced by more local control and publication of the comparative costs of distribution.

Placement is a lesson in the joys and trials of being a journalist

by SUE CARR
HHSS Co-op Student

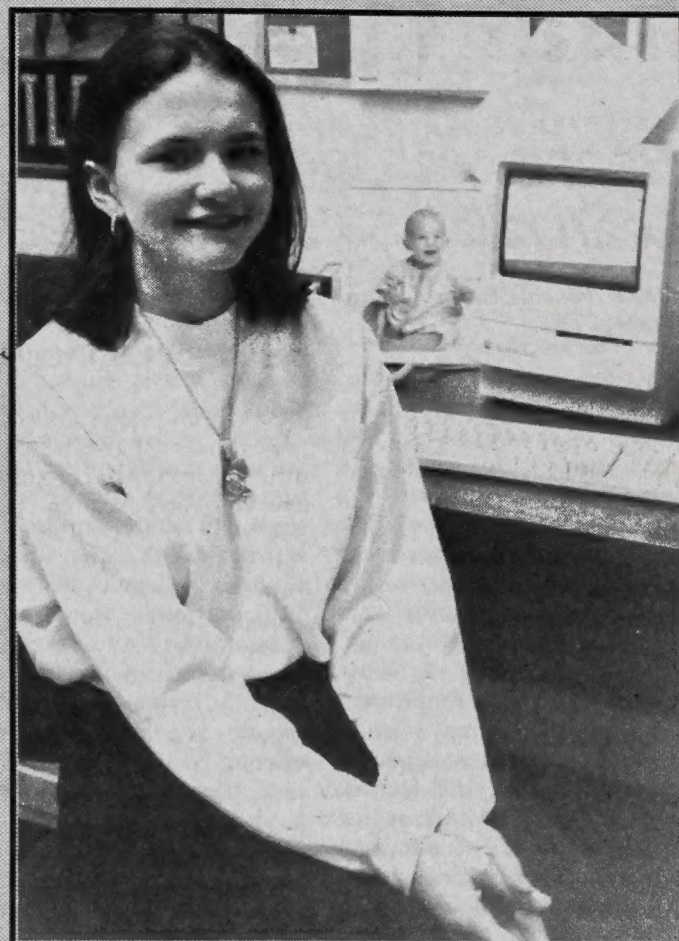
Three weeks into beginning the second semester, students are finding themselves in new classes, with new teachers, and new experiences. I am definitely having new experiences.

As a Grade 11 student, I originally entered Co-op expecting to work at J.D.H.E.S as a teacher's assistant, but with the help of my Co-op teacher, Bob Jackson, I have begun my placement at the *Haliburton County Echo* instead.

I am fairly well-known in the Minden area, as a former Highland dancer and I.D.A employee, and I am working at becoming better known in Haliburton - there's no doubt this placement will help. Many readers might remember me as being Miranda the HHSS Drama Club's production of "Picnic at Hanging Rock" or talk-show host, "Nicki Blake" in last fall's production of "Love Affair with Hollywood".

By working at *The Echo* four days a week, I am learning about the joys and trials of being a journalist, my future career aspiration. I plan to attend Ryerson University or Centennial College to learn even more about the profession. Currently, I am reviewing books for "Gig" magazine, a Barrie/Toronto publication, and I would love to see my by-line in the *Toronto Star* or the *New York Times*.

My main objective by working here is to, of course, learn more about writing and newspaper printing, but I didn't expect to have so much fun too! I am doing a job I love, working with extremely nice people...and getting out of school for two periods as well!



The Echo welcomes 17-year-old Sue Carr as its new Co-op student. She will be our window to the world of HHSS

I hope to encourage HHSS students to read *The Echo* by writing informative, and interesting news stories which involve teenagers at our school. I am planning on producing a "Profile column" to focus on students with special talents who deserve recognition.

Although I have many ideas right now, I will gladly accept stories and ideas from fellow students and teachers.

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vehicle accidents, 5 break and enters, 3 thefts, 1 assault, 1 snowmobile fatality.

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Board postpones decision on JK's fate

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed by the Haliburton County Board of Education at its Tuesday evening meeting.

Trustees have postponed their decision on the fate of Junior Kindergarten in the county's schools until they find out what "tools" the province will give them to pare down their budget.

Board members had intended to decide once and for all whether to continue, phase out or completely eliminate offering JK.

However, they are still waiting for Education Minister John Snobelen to unlock the tool kit he has promised will give boards new powers to trim their budgets to absorb transfer payment cuts.

Snobelen planned to bring out his tools about a month ago, but put off the announcement when he failed to gain cabinet's seal of approval.

The board wants to know what powers the province is going to give it before it makes a decision on JK because whatever is in the tool kit could influence whether trustees vote in favor of keeping the program or scrapping it.

Among the many changes Snobelen is rumoured to be considering are provisions enabling boards to charge user fees for JK and to replace JK teachers with Early Childhood Educators, who are paid much less.

Board administrators have estimated it would cost a minimum of \$117,000 per year, plus transportation and other expenses, to continue its plan to offer JK board-wide.

Currently, JK classes are available in Wilberforce, Cardiff, Dorset and Gooderham. Plans call for the board to bring JK to

Haliburton and Minden by the fall of 1997.

Trustees will make their decision on the program's fate at their meeting at the end of the month, provided Snobelen unveils his tool kit by then.

School councils

Board members approved a policy that will give parents and other community members a new voice on education issues.

A Ministry of Education mandate requires boards across the province to have school councils in place at all schools by the end of June.

Now that Haliburton trustees have agreed to a policy governing how the councils are to operate, it will be up to local principals to "go into high gear" over the next few months to see they are assembled, said director of education Brad Saunders.

The councils, to be made up primarily of parents and guardians, are to have at least 11 members and a maximum of 15.

Councils are to include parents elected by other parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school, a community representative appointed by the council, a student elected by other students, the school principal, a teacher elected by the school's teaching staff and a non-teaching staff member elected by other non-teaching staff.

Those elected and appointed to the coun-

cils are to serve two-year, unpaid terms beginning September.

The councils are supposed to meet at least four times per year and serve a role as "advisory bodies," according to the board's policy.

They may provide advice to the school principal and the board in several areas:

- The school year calendar;
- Code of student behaviour;
- Curriculum and program goals;
- The school's response to board and provincial test results
- School budget priorities,

including local capital improvement plans;

- Extracurricular activities.

Saunders told trustees the board's policy mirrors very closely the guidelines set out by the Ministry in a memo last spring.

Over the next couple of years as the board and the school councils get used to their new role, they may discover areas where they can amend and improve the policy, he said.

Saunders said the board hasn't set aside any funds in its upcoming budget for the operation of

school councils.

"The present view is that they shouldn't be seen as mini-boards of education," he said.

Dysart trustee Nancy Stinson worried they may become just that.

"I can see all these little councils turning into what we were before when there were all kinds of little boards all over the place," she said.

"I feel the policy is very well laid out and I think it's something that would work really well with the board," said Dysart trustee Chip Trueman.

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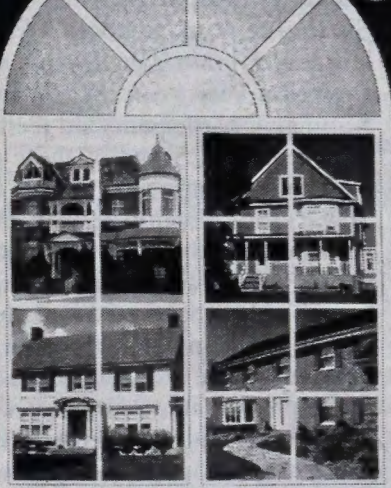
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KATIMAVIK WORKERS: During their previous placement in Moncton, Katimavik participants Tracy McGregor and Anne-Marie Véseau sorted donations for the Christmas toy drive. There are several Katimavik projects underway in Haliburton County.

Katimavik is hard at work for the entire community

by **MORGAN CONNER**
Katimavik Participant

In the brochure given to each tentative Katimavik participant there is a sentence — or should I say statement — that caught my eye. It says "Katimavik is first and foremost a work program". This is probably the line that probably attracted me the most to the program. So far, the work has been varied in both the quality of the work and the skills required to get the job done.

In the past months we have done work in a shelter for the homeless, set up a "toy store" where poor families could get gifts free of charge in order to complete their Christmas, visited with people in a seniors home, did light carpentry work for a home dedicated to helping the mentally disabled, worked at a daycare and that's not to forget those who stayed home to cook and bake for a group of up to twelve people every day. And this was simply our work in Moncton.

After 10 weeks in Moncton, doing mainly non-manual labour, we were looking forward to Haliburton and the prospect of some good, old fashioned, hard work. And very shortly after arriving here we took part in a chainsaw safety course which seemed to show promise. We soon split into groups to go to work.

We split into two work groups with several people going to work with Nordic Trails and several working for the Haliburton Forest Owners Association, dry-walling the new wolf centre at Haliburton Forest. A misunderstanding brought the Nordic Trails work to a quick end and those participants began work at Medeba Adventure Learning Centre. Once again, things didn't work out as we planned so it ended with us all working at Haliburton Forest.

The Haliburton Forest project was a prime example of a successful experience for the nine participants.

Knowledgeable and confident supervision by Dave Blakey was at the heart of this. He showed us what was to be done, how to do it, then let us at it. When the participants sense trust in their work, it is much easier to do good work. The people at Haliburton Forests even arranged several fun days including a day of dog sledding that proved to be exciting.

We also volunteered at the Minden Techni-Cal dog races but due to the weather our three-day work period was reduced to one.

A meeting was held on February 15 at Sir Sandford Fleming College to organize, attract and focus work sponsors. Present at the meeting were representatives of various townships and other interested parties in the area each with their own ideas of work.

The municipalities of Snowdon, Sherborne et al, Hindon, Minden and Hindon, Glamorgan, Dysart et al, all showed a very keen interest in having Katimavik participants aid them in various projects. Some of these include: work on the proposed Dorset Lookout Tower, trail development in Snowdon Park, establishing a county-wide numbering system for emergency response teams. Also mentioned was the painting of the Minden recreation centre, clean-up of the Irondale River and the painting of murals on various buildings.

Although this may seem like this is plenty for a group of young people, we are always looking for new sponsors. Our group is here until March 20, but then another group will be arriving for 10 weeks. So if you are a non-profit organization with some interesting yet challenging work for us please contact Dave Lawson (Katimavik Haliburton group leader) at 457-2147, Bryan Brown (Haliburton County Development Corporation) at 457-5214, Peg Bradford (Katimavik work committee chairperson) at 457-3929. Or call the Katimavik house at 457-2147. We hope to hear from you.

Working At Home

Municipalities can now license people who work out of their homes. But will they?

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Editor

As the recession lingers, more and more people are turning their homes into home businesses.

Whether they're artisans, carpenters, cosmetic saleswomen or desktop publishers, they're hanging a shingle on their own front door.

And while municipal councils have not been opposed to home occupations, they've never been able to tax many of them as businesses instead of residences.

With the province's omnibus bill, that may change. One of the new policies gives municipalities the opportunity to charge home businesses a licensing fee.

"I just see it as another tax grab," says one local artisan who suspects any increase in taxation will drive more people into the "underground economy", where cash transactions help customers avoid the GST and help the business avoid paying income tax.

Many people who have their businesses in their home cannot afford rent at a commercial location, she says.

Their home location is a trade-off - compared to a downtown merchant, they don't have as many people walking by their door and therefore have a smaller volume of sales.

As well, she and others argue that artisan events such as the Studio Tour brings people into the county, which benefits all businesses.

But people who pay the business tax don't always think it's fair they have to compete with home businesses which don't have the added burden of several hundreds of dollars a year in business taxes.

"The thing is to be fair and equitable across the board," says Snowdon clerk Ernie Hills, who several years ago put together a licensing schedule only to be told by the township's lawyer that Snowdon didn't have the jurisdiction to impose such fees.

The present system isn't fair, even between similar home occupations. When a tax assessor visits a home, he looks to see if there are any definable work areas. If there are, the owner gets charged a business tax, which can be up to 30% of a property tax bill. In Snowdon, there's one person who runs a contracting business out of his home. His garage is geared towards the business and his trucks use the home as a base. He pays a business tax because the garage is easily identified as a work area.

There's another contractor who runs an identical business, but he works primarily out of his truck. He's not taxed as a business.

In setting up its licensing policy, Snowdon also looked

at such things as whether the business has permanent signage, if it's open on regular hours or if it's just geared to weekend drive-by traffic.

Even if municipalities are given the right to charge fees for home occupations, that doesn't necessarily say they will. That will be a political decision left up to each council, who it seems will also be given some leeway in determining the fees. Will the increased revenue be worth an increased level of bureaucracy and policy-making?

Hills sees both sides of the issue. On one hand, a home business may put more of a burden on municipal

services such as dumps and roads. On the other, most home occupations are marginal. If a craftsperson is only earning \$2,000 a year through sales, a \$500 fee would make them think twice.

"That is a key factor in this," Hills says. "In most cases it's so marginal, a business tax would send them underground or they'll just close up."

Places such as Markham have a policy to simply to ignore home occupations. "They look at it as an economic benefit whether or not they're getting tax dollars from it. Do we just close our eyes and say 'make money however you can'?"

"The thing is to be fair and equitable across the board," says Snowdon clerk Ernie Hills

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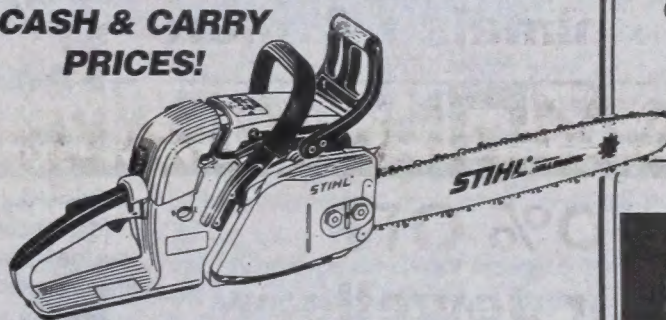
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Editorial

Out of step

WAS THURSDAY MORNING'S SCUFFLE in front of the Minden Ministry of Natural Resources an indication of the Ontario of the future, a sign of the leaner, meaner millenium that's encroaching on our sense of community wellbeing? Was it the natural conclusion to a year full of stress thanks to the government's vague threats of layoffs and its cavalier attitude towards public servants? Or did it illustrate exactly why the government should get tough with unions?

Whatever the answer, there is nothing that can be said to condone such an ugly scene.

Some MNR workers have decided to cross their picket line. That is their right. Although it can be argued they should support the union which has supported them, it's also true that when you take a unionized job you have to join the applicable union whether you want to or not.

A decision was made — not locally — to bring in two jail guards from Lindsay to intimidate the workers who want to cross the line. Shouts and taunts of "scab!" are bad enough, but these two guards grabbed one of the workers crossing the line, causing him to fall on the ice. This could be "excused" as a callous act by outsiders, but what's so appalling is that according to another worker who is crossing the line, none of this man's co-workers — people who he's worked with for years — stepped forward to help him up. A local union representative says some of those co-workers were going to help but the man got up before they could. But the same representative, while not condoning the jail guards' actions, said the worker was partly responsible because he didn't wait for a police escort. Does he not realize that to most people in the Highlands, it seems absolutely intolerable that someone would need a police escort? Police? And that these shouts of "scab" are not acceptable here, where whatever you may think of the strike, the public service workers are still considered people, not some ugly and inanimate object? And that the sight of pickets banging signs on cars of workers crossing the line is doing the union more harm than anything Mike Harris could dream of?

The union may think its fight is against the Harris government, but the real struggle is for public opinion, and in Haliburton County, the union is losing because it has no real understanding of its audience. This isn't to say people like the Harris government — many find it arrogant and smug — but people don't necessarily side with the union as an alternative. Instead, they think the government's actions are like Buckley's cough medicine. You might not like the way it tastes, but you believe it will make you feel better in the long run.

The OPSEU strike is a particularly hard sell in Haliburton where the words "private sector" refer to main street businesses and contractors and plumbers and electricians who work out of their homes. So when OPSEU says it wants the same layoff packages as the private sector, in Haliburton that means two weeks' notice and perhaps two weeks' pay. If you're self-employed, it means nothing but debt — and you're not even entitled to unemployment insurance. Such endemic job insecurity has also not engendered much sympathy for those people who have always been perceived as having it easy when it comes to paycheques and benefits. Unfortunately for OPSEU, it is now reaping the resentment that's been sown with contracts much more generous than any in the local private sector.

And yet again, the point must be made that as people, local OPSEU members have a great deal of public empathy. The image of the paper-pushing bureaucrat is unfair and unjust. Most of the people on strike have worked long and hard for the government, firmly believing that their jobs are helping to make this a better place to live. They are dedicated, honest and committed and no one relishes the thought of "walking a mile in their shoes" as they are pushed towards an uncertain future. People don't like how the government seems to use a very broad brush to paint all of its employees as lazy and wasteful spendthrifts. People can also understand how it's the front line workers who, unfairly, seem to be the first to go because the managers making the decisions want to protect their own jobs. There's also a fairly clear fear of the impact of job losses, not just among local workers, but among cottagers, many of whom probably get some sort of paycheque from the government.

OPSEU must do a better job of tapping into that public empathy if it is to get the community's support. It won't get the time of day if the primary image is of thugs picking on a worker or pickets shouting "scab" or people being harassed by phonecalls in the middle of the night or unfriendly visits to aerobic classes. The fight against the government for a fair layoff package pales in comparison to the fight for the support of the voters who can make or break that very same government. **M.P.**



Icicles

by Len Pizzev

Letters to the Editor

Strikers believe in democracy

To The Editor:

50,000 civil servants take a stand and say "No". What Mr. Harris is doing is Wrong.

50,000 civil servants are giving up their pay cheques for what they believe in.

The ability to strike is not "A Toy" as Mr. Harris has stated, but a strong and dedicated commitment that shows the resolve of people who believe in democracy, education, healthcare, the environment and public safety.

Recently the Harris government passed legislation taking away basic rights of civil servants. Basic rights that all other Ontario citizens enjoy. This legislation is nothing short of discrimination aimed directly at government employees.

What other employer in this province can pass legislation to change the rules to suit their own needs?

OPSEU was led down a path of no return by the government. The passing of this discriminatory legislation paved the way for strike action.

Consider this:

In October 1995 government directors and managers were advised to be ready for massive strikes in the New Year.

In December managers were given courses in strike management.

In January managers were told to have strike manuals for their locations written and approved.

In January managers were told to be prepared to have all locks on government buildings changed.

Is this the course of action of a rational employer willing to negotiate?

In February the government made a deceptive offer that was sure to get a No vote. Sure there were a few carrots designed to split the vote, gain public support and thus turn the public against OPSEU.

Mr. Harris was successful in obtaining his intended goal. The union members voted to strike.

In his cool collected manner, Mr. Harris is playing a subtle role in civil servant bashing, and will continue to lay more blame on his employees. (What a great boss!)

Mr. Harris' motives are transparent. The now legal theft of

government is so eager to expel. We have already lost doctors and nurses from this community to the United States.

But the good news for the Conservatives is that these people may not live in this province when it is time to vote them out of power.

Are government wages and benefits too high? The fact that these have always been awarded in arbitration by an independent third party is testimony that they are in line with the private sector.

The people of Ontario better brace themselves for a massive shock. The cutbacks already announced and those that will be announced in the spring budget will multiply unemployment tenfold.

The agenda of the Conservatives on consumer psychology is having a devastating effect on the economy. In short, unemployed people do not buy cars, real estate, daycare services and other big ticket items.

The Conservative agenda is simple. Create unprecedented chaos in its first two years and spend the remainder of their term trying to make people feel good again.

To those teachers, Hydro employees, truckers, other unions, individuals and businesses who have shown their support to the picket lines by bringing coffee, donuts, cakes, by blowing their car horns and refusing to cross picket lines, OPSEU members appreciate and will remember your support.

Jim Ellis,
OPSEU, Minden

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pages 11 and 12.

pension funds and payroll savings from people on strike will finance his 30% tax cut. All the while, tax grants to land owners continue.

The fact is 30 to 35% of government employees in this area will lose their jobs this year! Who are these people? They are your friends, neighbours, relatives and clients. These are the same people who support the community. They buy cars, newspapers, real estate, hardware, fishing tackle, groceries, medical supplies, daycare services and pay taxes. They support curling clubs and minor hockey.

Many of these people will leave the area, disappointed and bitter at the lack of community support. Many have already applied for jobs in British Columbia, where the government is actively recruiting the expertise that this

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Home decorating made easy

WHEN SHE WAS a little girl growing up in the house with her parents, brothers and sisters, dog and cats and an overflow of maiden aunts, Janey had decided that one day she would have her very own house and live in it all by herself. She conceded she might get a dog, because she liked dogs. But she did not want to live in a crowded, cluttered place ever again; a place where other people's things pushed hers out of the way; a place where she had to subjugate her taste to others'.



DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch

Janey had shared a bedroom with her older sister Gwen. Gwen collected horses. They were everywhere. The bed, window and wall were covered in palominos and appaloosas. Bay stallions stared from the book shelves and chestnut mares reared on the night table. Janey had rather liked birds, but there was no room for even a solitary chickadee.

The whole house was the same. Her mother's innumerable collections marched through the living and dining rooms, spilling over into the den: glassware of differing size and form; frogs by the score in wood, wool and ceramic, and cats everywhere. There were cat cushions, pussy pots and framed felines over all the furniture. The kitchen was overrun with cows and geese. Around and through, over and under every empty spot, were the plants. They crowded into corners, trailed from baskets and edged across counters.

When she grew older and visited her friends' houses, Janey came to realize that not everyone lived this way. She began to enjoy sitting in the middle of the backyard skating rink, looking at all the smooth, empty space around her. Even that didn't last very long. Invariably one of her brothers or a visiting cousin would skip outside, skates on and looking for company.

Through the years Janey made mental notes of the way people decorated their living spaces. Usually these observations served to remind her of what she did not want in her own place. She remained determined to have a her own, unsullied by a roommate, unshared by a boyfriend, not a cat in sight.

As she waited for that day to come, her list of objectionable home furnishings grew. Velvet paintings would not be acquired, nor would artificial flowers, National Geographic magazines or little plaques and plates of various materials that offered sayings about religion, family or sex. She did not wish to see posters of any kind and refused to even consider shag rugs or anything with tassels. Her mother warned her that, with her high standards, there was the very real possibility Janey would never find enough things to furnish a room, let alone her own house. Janey was not dissuaded.

Then she changed jobs, left her parents' home and moved to the country. She discovered she liked being outdoors more than in. There was always gardening and skiing, walking and raking, swimming and chopping. Janey was never home. In fact she barely gave her new home a thought; except to note that it was rather large and empty. Since she needed some furniture, she threw whatever was handy into the place. A bed here, a chair or table there. She had little money so chose items quickly and at random from newspaper ads and second hand stores.

After about a year, Janey looked around and realized she had a cat faced ottoman and a cow spoon rest. How could such a thing have happened? And where did that Woodstock poster in the hall come from? She knew her friends at work had given her the silk flower arrangement for her birthday and she had let it pass. But the painting of Elvis on velvet in her bedroom was a mystery. Though when her chickadee bedside lamp was turned down, Elvis seemed to follow her around the room. Janey had always liked Elvis. She realized she had to do something about her decor, but she preferred to go skiing. Maybe she'd tackle the problem next year.

More Letters to the Editor

Taxpayers' pockets do have a bottom

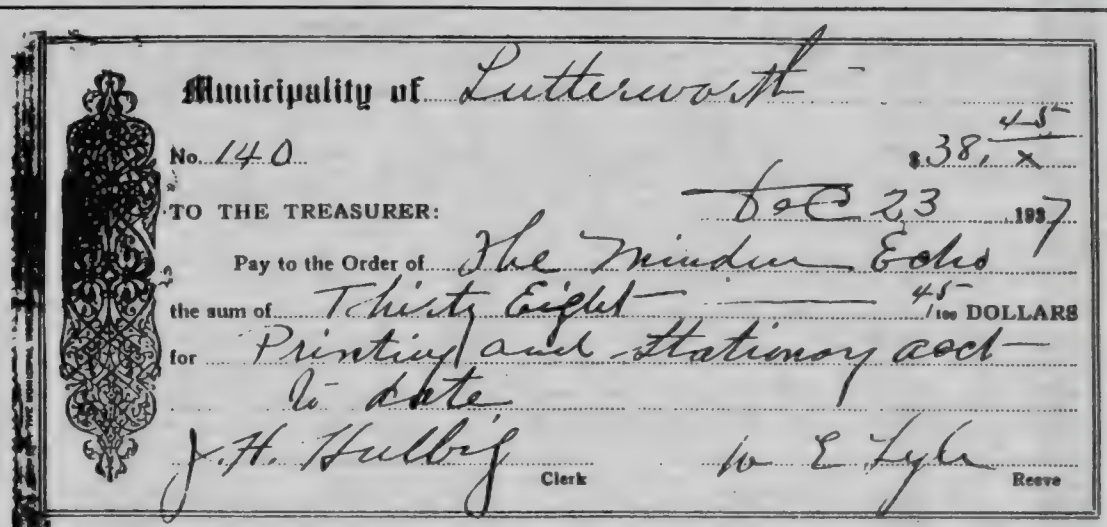
To The Editor:

Your editorial in the February 20 Echo created some excitement among the people of this community and I would like to add my little note to it.

It seems to me that some people are missing the two most important points in this OPSEU (or any other) strike issue.

First - our pockets are not bottomless pits as some may think and the Ontario and federal deficits add to our ever-growing debt at a very generous amount every second, every minute and every day, requiring more and more taxes to be paid as an interest on these debts. This reduces our disposable income and it has to stop! Our Ontario government set the train on the right track to get ride of the deficit, but Chretien's boys are still throwing our money around like a drunken sailor. If this is a part of the upcoming pre-election

See UNION page 12



Pic of the Past

(Supplied by John Hulbig)

In 1937 the Township of Lutterworth paid its own bills, rather than going through a local bank. In this case, an account was received from the Minden Echo for printing and stationery. My father, who was the Clerk, issued this cheque and was signed by W. E. Lyle, the Reeve. On the back it shows where Mr. W. McArthur, owner of the Minden Echo, received his money from the Township Treasurer, who also was my father.

Probably in mid-January the next year two auditors were chosen by the Lutterworth Council, to check the township books, and other papers

which included the big ledger about three feet long, and the assessment and tax rolls. My mother would prepare the long threshing table in the dining room, with a bright cool oil lamp, at each end, and I, who was going to school, would first fill up the wood box, so as there would be ample fuel to keep these two men warm, usually from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. or so at night. My mother prepared their meals.

On the back of each cheque was marked audited, with their initials J.H. and S.H. These two gentlemen were John Hounsell and Stuart Harrison, two well-known Lutterworth farmers at the time.

A case for zero tolerance

SO THE LITTLE darlings are having some trouble minding their manners on the school buses, are they? Well now, so you suppose someone forgot to teach them something at home?

But don't you fret now, Marilyn, because, as the reporter said, "While trustees didn't move on any of the pair's suggestions, they are recommending the board's principals discuss the issue at their next monthly meeting."

And how much did we pay those trustees to make this monumental decision? Let us hope that in the meantime some lovely impish child doesn't accidentally bean a bus driver while they are trying to negotiate a sharp curve or a steep hill.

But, of course, according to Mr. Bradley, the overall discipline on the board's buses is not as bad as described. According to the ECHO, he said that each board's driver reacts to problems differently. Behaviour some drivers consider out of line, others overlook. And therein lies the problem. All those adults, and they can't come up with a plan?

I tell you what. The answer is so simple it's pathetic. If the adults are incapable or unwilling to assume control, give it to the high school students to solve. If you noticed in her column right



NORTHERN LIGHTS

Virginia Macneil

next to that of Peter Downs, Deborah Nash made it quite clear that most H.H.S.S. students prefer to have rules.

I assume there is some kind of student council. Why not let them make a set of 'NO TOLERANCE' rules for the buses, as well as set down the punishment? And since there is no money for monitors, let the students appoint two monitors for each bus. There's nothing like a jury of their peers to spruce up the

behaviour of ill-mannered kids.

In the meantime, a half-hour assembly, including students, bus drivers, and all interested parents of each school should get the message across. There will be absolutely NO TOLERANCE of misbehaviour on the buses! If rowdism occurs, the driver should pull over to the side of the road until the offending 'little darlings' decide to sit still.

It's too bad that the parents of the offenders cannot be made to ride the buses for awhile. After all, we do know, if (God forbid) there should be a terrible accident, who would scream the loudest and sue the most, don't we.

Sentence doesn't fit crime

To the Editor:

After reading the recent story about the MacDuff bird episode, I thought it was interesting to note that Mr. MacDuff's sentence of 18 months' probation was the same amount of time a young offender in Montreal will serve for his part in beating two senior citizens to death with a baseball bat! I also suspect that even less than 18 months' probation will await the young offenders caught trashing a cottage near Haliburton in November.

The more little gems like this I read about our wonderful justice system, the more I want to grab one of those empty brown paper bags I used to carry on the bus as a kid, and use it!

Keith W. Stata,
Kinmount

Boonieville

by Charlie Teljeur



Mental health group ignored by meetings

To the Editor:

You may not know it, but the Consumer/Survivors are being shafted again. We just found out that sometime during the week of Feb. 18-24th, the District of Health Council, Canadian Mental Health Association, SIRCH, CHMA and the Acting Health Services board had a meeting to which NO Consumer/Survivors were invited. And there is another meeting on March 4th to which we are also not invited.

It appears that these people still feel we are incapable of knowing what we need, the incapable of doing the necessary research to find a suitable agency to handle our mental health care. It seems they are again not listening to us, and are deciding for us.

Why are we getting this kind of treatment? Does the DHC think we are retarded? Or that we are mentally incompetent?

How many times must we prove that we know what we need? And how many times do we have to fight for it? Going behind our backs is just going to make us fight harder. This is OUR mental health, and OUR lives we are fighting for.

I, for one, don't like trying to live on \$300 a month from welfare. I want to get well so I can go back to work, back to living!

I am asking all concerned Consumer/Survivors to call Marshall Elliott of the DHC and tell him how you feel about this treatment. Call collect (705) 748-2992 and when the operator asks for your name, say you are a Consumer/Survivor or they won't accept your call.

Please don't think the call will be a waste of time. It won't take long and you will be helping yourself and well as us.

E. Rudd & G. Sawyer,
Haliburton County

The Echo did not have space to print all the letters we received this week. Look for them in next week's issue.

Teachers' union not 'unwieldly'

To the Editor:

I am responding, again, to your editorial entitled 'A Terrible Position' which states that "the teachers' provincial union has become as large and unwieldly as any big employer."

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you and your readers of a few of the things that my union, the Federation of Women Teachers of Ontario, has done on behalf of their teacher members and children and their families over the last year.

1. produced and published a professional development magazine for teachers, bi-monthly.

2. organized 3 provincial conferences for its members which addressed leadership, academic and social issues.

3. organized summer workshops which assisted teachers in the implementation of the Common Curriculum, a new teaching document.

4. made start-up donations to Women's Emergency Shelters across the province.

5. made a yearly donation to local Women's Emergency House.

6. awarded scholarships and funding for students across the province in areas of athletics, academics and leadership.

7. purchased and circulated a working kit for teachers and parents called Prime Time Parent

Kits, which intends to help families manage television, videos, video games and new media, positively, in the home.

8. paid for professional speakers and workshop leaders to attend PD days across the province.

9. provided programming and funding for women who wished to pursue positions of leadership.

10. made presentations to government committees on the following issues: (a) the Ontario School Board Reduction Task Force, (b) Bill 8, the Employment Equity Bill, (c) government fund-

ing cuts to children and children's services.

11. made a presentation to the CTRC on the negative affects of violence in the media.

I would suggest that this is not the list of accomplishments of a union that is "large and unwieldly," but rather one that demonstrates excellent organization, social conscience and concern for its members' professional development and well-being.

Chris Lynd, President
Haliburton County
Women Teachers,

More Letters to the Editor

Meeting date inconvenient

The following letter was sent to Glamorgan Council:

Who came up with March 9, 1996 date for a ratepayers' meeting?

It's obvious you don't want many of the seasonal taxpayers who pay you honourariums and budget items in attendance.

Many don't like the winter drive to and from a 2:00 p.m. meeting and if we could brave the snow and ice to our seasonal

buildings it would be a cold night.

This household, for one, will only be there by proxy. We trust the Echo will report the items talked about or "Lord forbid" council will forward transcripts of the meetings to our winter addresses.

Don Hilliard,
Stormy Lake, Scarborough

Union benefits are paid for by all taxpayers

FROM page 11

campaign they should perhaps learn from 'Bob Rae's bunch, that the money not always buys the victory. People in this province have shown their maturity in the last provincial elections quite strongly.

The other important thing is, that all the generous benefits our unionized workers enjoy (too many to name, including job security for all those surplus government employees) are paid by all of us taxpayers, who don't have these benefits, never had them and in this new economic world will never have. Wake up folks, it's 1996 and the whole world has changed whether we like it or not! The small business people and tradesmen in this community will tell you what benefits they have and yet they are the backbone of our economy. Besides, if somebody thinks that the grass is greener across the fence, please, join the club!

Milan Frybort,
Tory Hill

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Atom Huskies take quarter final round:

Horse race goes to the dogs

by JIM CHALMERS
Atom Huskies

The OMHA Atom Huskies moved on to All-Ontario semi-final action (as expected) with an 8-5 win and series sweep of the Frankford Huskies on Friday night. With the benefit of a large turnout at the Dysart Arena - a 2nd Entry Atom game beforehand and a Bantam match after - the heavily favoured Blue Huskies stumbled out of the starting gate but regained their balance and came up the outside to grab the lead by a nose at the quarter pole. They opened up a 4 length advantage going down the backstretch and eased up on the final quarter to make it close; then won it going away. What a race. Here's how they ran.

The Dysart Dogs found themselves down 3-0 before the game was four minutes old. Annoying to be sure ... but worrisome? ... not really. Strong early goaltending seemed to inspire Frankford to the three goal cushion but some deadly Husky offense deflated that advantage before the period had ended.

Jeff Wilson snuck one up under the crossbar from Warren Cooper - then drifted a slapshot off the blocker to the backboards where it ricocheted to a waiting Cooper who one-timed another bullet. Alex Judge drew the other assist. Wilson went in alone and pulled the goalie on an assist from Chris Bishop and the score was tied with 3:24 to go in the first.

Alex Ambridge pinched in from the blueline to maintain possession for the Huskies who converted when Darren Kirkpatrick spotted Travis Bain

alone at the side of the net to give them a 4-3 lead. Early in the middle period Bain had his second from Ambridge with a nice move as he went in solo. Defenseman Joel Cooper side-stepped a red-shirted Husky at the blueline and increased the lead to 6-3 with a long, hard wrist shot. Warren Cooper scored the seventh unanswered goal from Petrow and Wilson before the intermission.

In the third period the Frankford team replied with two goals, five seconds apart and had hopes of staving off elimination. Jeff Wilson extinguished that thought with his third and a final 8-5 win.

Some sensible refereeing by the three officials who handled the contest resulted in an entertaining match with only three penalty calls. Normally the Huskies have that many before the warm-up is completed. The win was impressive from an offensive standpoint, but defensively, embattled goalie Andrew Sachs was glad it was over. He went the distance in the absence of playing partner Ryan Chalmers - who came up lame with a bruised arm; the result of a collision with a school bus seat and not a hockey puck as one might expect. Second entry Atom goalie Ryan Hutson filled in as backup and was rewarded with a shift and a save. The quietly effective Matt Gerry rounds out this year's version of a good OMHA club that will make the All-Ontario Finals again or I will eat my pen.

I know that is a safe bet. Come check it out. This team has the horses.

Frankford tests Peewees



TOUGH COMPETITION:

Haliburton's OMHA Peewees are being severely tested by Frankford in the all-Ontario semi final. The Haliburton boys played to a five-all tie in Frankford on Saturday, and lost 4-2 on Sunday night in Haliburton. The best of five series resumes on Friday night at 8:30 in Haliburton.

Atom C's win first round of the playoffs with tie against Beaverton club

by JANICE CHAMBERS

The Huskys Atom C's faced Fenelon Falls Monday Feb. 26 for a 6-0 victory. Haliburton took three goals in the first period. Kyle Boughner's energy gave us two fast and furious goals with some nice efforts on assists from Joel Johnson, Cory Poole and Brock Thomas. The third goal came from a beauty pass by Kyle onto Jeff Packard's stick and with a nice wind up the

puck saw Fenelon's net.

The Huskies scored two goals in the second period - Kyle for a hattrick assist for Joel and Adam Frybort. Don Craig scoring a beauty with a nice assist for Jason Chambers.

The third period gave the Huskies one last goal of the game from the hard work and fast skating of Andre Nichol making a nice pass to Jeff waiting to bang in the Huskies 6th unanswered goal.

Saturday March 2 the Atoms travelled to Beaverton for the last game of the first round of playoffs. The boys came up with only one goal coming from our centre Kyle and a beautiful assist for Joel. Haliburton held the lead until the last minute and 27 seconds of the game when Beaverton managed to slip one past Alex Frybort spoiling the shutout. The score remained a 1-1 tie. Best of luck Huskies in the next round! Go Huskies Go!

Monarchs turn tough

by DAVE BROWN

Minden Monarchs were in Haliburton on Friday night for an exhibition game with the 2nd Entry Atom Huskies. After being defeated by the Huskies on their first four encounters, the Monarchs came back with a vengeance, winning their last two games.

The first period saw a lot of fast-paced action. Joey Sisson set up Shawn McInnes. This one-point lead did not stand up for long as the Monarchs capitalized on a rebound to tie the game.

The fast, back and forth action continued in the second period. Jeremy Miscio put the Huskies ahead at the midpoint. Once again, Minden rolled back within a couple minutes to even the score at 2-2. Less than two minutes into the last period, Minden scored what was to be the winning goal, taking advantage of a Haliburton defensive lapse. Some good news, bad news. Matt Brown had his first hat trick. The bad news is it was by picking up three penalties. Minden scored their fourth goal late in the game on a breakaway. In the dying minutes, the Cat was pulled but time ran out with Minden winning 4-2.

Hawks fly high in Coby tourney



HAWKS WIN BIG: The Haliburton Hawks proved their mettle on Sunday when they captured the B division championship of a weekend-long Coby Islanders tournament in Haliburton. The local squad skated to a 6-2 victory over the visiting Pillsbury team to take the title.

Anglers test their luck at Red Umbrella Derby

Winning Lake Trout tipped the scale at more than six pounds

The wind blew and the snow was blinding at times, but more than 160 anglers braved the elements at the Red Umbrella Inn's 3rd Annual Ice Fishing Derby on Twelve Mile Lake this past Saturday. Despite the occasional icy blasts, fishermen enjoyed the day on the ice and did their best to win one of the 15 cash prizes.

The top winners were: Robert Coombs of Huntsville with a 6 lb., 13 oz. lake trout; Jim Costain of Lakefield with a 6 lb., 10 oz., lake trout; Jim Dodd of Peterborough with a 3 lb. 14 oz. Lake Trout.

The prize for largest Herring was split between Judy Main and Chris Coumbs, both of Haliburton, each with a 6 oz. fish.

Surprisingly, no whitefish were weighed in!

A draw for the large selection of door prizes took place in the lounge after the Derby. Lucky draw winners took home fishing equipment, sweatshirts and other prizes provided by the Red Umbrella Inn, Minden Live Bait & Tackle, and other local suppliers. The Grand Door Prize of a gas BBQ went to Chris Robinson of Minden. A number of fishermen enjoyed a Mexican Buffet in the dining room Saturday evening - a great ending to a great day!

For new owners Don and Lynne Hodgins, the Derby was a challenge to organize but with the help of John Hill at Minden Live Bait & Tackle, staff at the Inn and many friends, the day was a great success and a lot of fun. Next year's event will be bigger and better!

The Hodgins express their thanks to everyone who helped out for their support, advice and hard work. Most of all, they want to thank all the participants for making the Derby such a success. Congratulations to the winners!



A BIG FISH: Robert Coombs of Huntsville took top prize in the Red Umbrella Ice Fishing Derby on 12 Mile Lake on Saturday with this six pound 13 ounce lake trout

Hawks pound Rainbow with 15-0 barrage

Goalie suffers shell shock

by KEN RILEY

Once in four, February has one day more. Yes it's Leap Day, that strange time when the Moon is in its second house and Jupiter aligns with Mars! Leap week was full of wild and crazy happenings, Canadian artists dominated the Grammy Awards and Alanis Morissette was the first one to ever say Canuk on live T.V. (at least I think that's what she said)! Ontario government workers went on strike. their aim, to slow down service, no one noticed! Gretzky went to the Blues and his wife got them! Henri Richard, the Pocket Rocket, the man with more Stanley Cup rings (11) than anyone, turned 60 or is that 240, and yes like his brother he keeps a touch of gray, the wife likes it!

In game one this week Bancroft Canadian Tire met the Clarkson Plumbers. The Plumbers have been on a roll and continued this week with an 8-2 drubbing of the Tiremen. With this win the Clarksons left well ahead of the other second placed contenders! Pounding pucks for the Plumbers were Dan Curry with three, Joe Roberts and Tim Chambers with two each and Luke Schell with a single. Tom (terrific) Armstrong had both Canadian Tire goals!

The second tilt featured Apsley and the Wilberforce Golden Ponders. It was tied at one after one, Greg Tucker for Apsley, Perry Best for Wilberforce. The second was scoreless with lots of action and great netminding from Apsley's Phil Rusaw and the Ponders Blaine Lewis! Apsley jumped ahead in the third on one from Bill Roter, but Wilberforce responded with a beautiful short handed effort from Perry (you're the best, best, best, best) The teams continued to battle, with Apsley getting two later goals from Kim Dunford and Al Gronman to win it 4-2.

Game three had the powerful Haliburton Hawks against the not so powerful Rainbow Auto Glass. The Hawks had a field day thumping the Rainbows 15-0, giving goaltender Larry Hartin the easy shutout. Bob Woodcock had the double hat trick, Barry Shaw notched four, Rick Wood three, singles went to Brian Mulholland and Ted Vasey. Stand in Goalie Blaine Lewis was admitted to hospital with shell shock!

The season is winding down, with just three regular season games left, so take a leap of faith and leap into your car and get on course, deep in the loop to Wilberforce!

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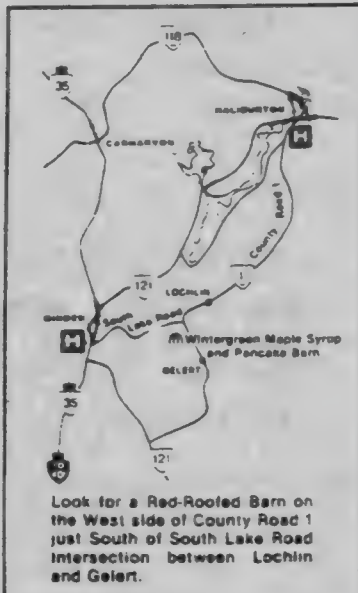
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Local Nordic ski team posts strong results at Ontario Championship

Training on Haliburton's challenging hills pays off

by **BRUCE GRIFFITH**
Coach

On February 21st, HHSS sent its largest team ever to the OFSAA Nordic Ski championship in North Bay. With 17 athletes qualifying for this prestigious event, only 14 were able to make the trip (the measles vaccination strikes). Although our team did not bring home any medals, the coaches were extremely proud of their individual placing and team results.

With perfect weather and an extremely fast course, we had the opportunity to watch some of Canada's fastest junior racers in action. Competing with almost 800 athletes, our top finishers were Ainsley Heyes and BJ Cummings both 34th out of almost 200 in their categories.

Some other highlights of the trip were: Simon and Amy in the pit, Will and his gold medal dance, Jeff guarding the door, Ainsley's hair salon, Ryan's appetite and Jeffer's wings! Another proud bit of trivia is that the Haliburton team was the only team that did not have a skier crash on the down hills. It pays to train in Haliburton!

It's hard to end such a great season for this team, so we won't. Practices will continue until the snow is gone, which is when the track team and the mountain biking club starts. Many thanks from coaches Griffith, Dibblee and Hagg to all members of the team, parents, the volunteers who helped with the team and of course Leroy!



The HHSS nordic ski team recently competed in the all-Ontario championships in North Bay. Kneeling are: Jeff Wright and Kevin Hurley. Standing, from left: Coach Stephanie Hagg, Will Wallace, Matt Heffer, Caitlin Pettit, Danny Wright, Coach Bruce Griffith, Ryan O'Neil, Simon Reid, Jennifer Turner, Ainsley Heyes, BJ Cummings, Amy Wood, Amy Ellis and Allison Kennedy.

'It's hard work... and fun'

by **SUE CARR**
HHSS Co-op student

Being on a ski team seems to have few benefits. First of all, as everyone knows, it's cold out there! Swimmers and tennis players get to play in the nice, warm sun, but skiers are less fortunate. Secondly, ski teams are usually overlooked by fans wanting to watch indoor basketball and volleyball so skiers aren't usually showered with attention. Thirdly...it's cold out there!

HHSS Nordic Skiers don't seem to mind any of these hardships-the team brought in incredible results from OFSAA last week-and Coach Bruce Griffith is obviously quite impressed with the team.

"We really have an awesome team," he boasts "We have a bigger team than ever before and the skiers are really keen".

When the team originally began in 1988, a total of three skiers made it out to practices. The team now holds 28 members, apparently it began to become popular thanks to Ryan Cummings, who was "the superstar of the team".

Ryan has moved on from HHSS, but the family tradition continues, with BJ Cummings, a grade eleven student, coming in 34th out of 172 skiers at OFSAA. BJ has been skiing since he was five and it really shows. In fact, two of the other top skiers on the team, Simon Reid, an OAC student, and Ainsley Heyes, a grade ten student, began skiing when they were five too. All three like skiing because of the fitness and the fresh air.

"It's a challenge," Ainsley says.

It really is a challenge. Practice is very important- especially before a race. Keeping

fit is a main concern-all three skiers exercise during and after the ski season by weight lifting, jogging, biking, etc. and BJ cuts down on not-so-healthy activities during the season.

Coach Griffith has total respect for Ainsley, Simon and BJ, admitting that, "we can't even coach

them anymore-they're better than the coaches."

It can cost anywhere from \$500 to over \$1000 for equipment, including skis, bindings, poles, and boots and the skiers miss after-school activities because of practices and meets, but overall the sport is "fun". These three skiers don't find skiing to be their favorite sport, (Simon did

after realizing that Coach Griffith might be overhearing his answer) but it seems to be worth it.

The cold?

"It's something you get used to," says Simon.

"My feet always freeze," laughs eleventh grade student Caitlin Pettit.

Skiing isn't all work and no fun either. At OFSAA, Simon started a mosh pit, Amy Wood, a Grade ten skier, dyed her hair about two or three colours, and Ryan O'Neil, a Grade nine skier, ate for four.

The skiers all have advice for aspiring skiers too.

"Listen to your coaches, work out, make sure your mind is where it's supposed to be" says Simon, who has been on the team for about four or five years.

"It's good to have an encouraging coach-it really raises your self-esteem," says Grade eleven skier Amanda Duncombe "don't join a team unless you know the coach is good."

And perhaps the best point of all from,

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Big Brothers raise \$2500 with local bowling day

On Saturday, February 24, at County Bowling Centre in Minden, Big Brothers and Sisters held their annual Bowl for Millions to raise funds for this worthy cause. Organizers had set a goal of \$1000. When the day was done the total monies raised were \$2500. What a great success and a special thanks goes out to all who participated as a bowler or sponsor. There were many prizes donated by the businesses of Haliburton County with a list to follow.

The Haliburton Lions Club, Minden Rotary Club and Minden Lions Club had a challenge against each other with no clear winner except Big Brother. But fun was had by all.

Prize winners and donors in order of bowler, prize and donor: Most pledges: Dennis Cox, rubber dingy, Westside Jug City; Highest Boy: Jeffery Balcome, jogging suit, Stedmans - Minden; Highest Girl: Lesley Cox, money pouch, Lotto Ontario; Highest Man: Maurice Boyd, lube oil and filter, Keany Chrysler; and Highest Woman: Cindy Trebell, 649 sweatshirt, Lotto Ontario.

Randon draw prize winners: Joanne Mickle, black forest cake, R & W Bakery; Chris Nichols, cook book, Campbell's Flower Shop; Matthew Moore, serving tray and candies; Barry Cray, Sport Select tote bag, Lotto Ontario; Rawn Brown, gift certificate, Boomers Cafe; Katie

Dozens of prizes awarded to participants in random draws

Robinson, Power Ranger books, Stedman's - Haliburton; Dennis Cox, bingo sweatshirt, Lotto Ontario; Matt Reinwald, cake pan and mix; Brian Moore, bingo towel, Lotto Ontario; Kaitlan Neave, board game, Stedman's - Haliburton; Daryl Moore, gift certificate, Highland Jewellery; Mary McCutcheon, cannister and plates; Kelly Berry, free movie rentals, D & S Video; Dru Adamson, gas can, Highland Supply; Lesley Cox, hat, McKeck's Place; Linda Helleman, free movie rentals, D & S Video; George Moulton, Breakfast for two, Mill Pond Restaurant; Jeff Balcome, gift certificate, Headlines Hairdresser; Christine Horton, sound track, Stedman's - Haliburton; Al Clement, gift certificate, Pizza Den; Joanne Mickle, gift certificate, Larry's Video; Pat Walton, Super 7 shirt, Lotto Ontario; Anne Neave, photo album, Rexall Drug Store; Dorothy Boyd, money pouch, Lotto Ontario; Jennifer Moore, bingo towel, Lotto Ontario.

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Thanks to all who helped out, sponsored, or bowled, to make this event a great success. A special thank you to organizers Debbie Cox, Joanne Mickle and Dianne Austen of Big Brothers.

Bantams win series

by ROGER DART

The music in the Haliburton OMHA Bantam Huskies' dressing room after their game in Haliburton on Friday night was definitely not Hank Snow. But like old Hank the Bantams are "Movin' On". After their 3 to 1 win over the North Frontenac Flyers the Bantams are movin' on to the semi-finals of the OMHA "DD" playdowns. With the win the Huskies eliminated North Frontenac 3 games to 1 in their quarter final round.

Mike Morissette led the Huskies to a 3 goal lead scoring twice and assisting on the third goal. After that goalie Greg Schell took over and like a fine wine improved with age making many great saves in the third period allowing North Frontenac to score only once.

The turning point in the game was Mike's first goal when, early in the first period, on a power play, he converted a pass from defenceman Devon Dart. In the second period Mike and linemates Jason Henry and Steve St. Cyr combined to build the Huskies' lead with 2 goals on

two very pretty passing plays. Morissette scored the second goal with St. Cyr and Henry assisting and Henry notched his third goal of the series with St. Cyr and Morissette assisting.

North Frontenac played like a desperate team and picked up the pace in the third period. The Huskies played solid controlled hockey. Like the line of St. Cyr, Henry and Morissette the other lines of Greg Forgrave, Blayne Saunders, Matt Burk and Chris Moynes, Allan Pugh, Darol Sisson hustled all night pressuring North Frontenac in their end and coming back hard to Haliburton's zone.

The defence trio of Dart, Shane Parks and Andrew Burtch played sound defence and tightened as they shared extra duty after Matt Billings was forced from the game in the second period with a hip pointer. They were already without the services of Matt Reid who had to miss the game with a sprained ankle.

In the semi-finals the Bantam Huskies will meet the winner of a series between Coldwater and Langton.

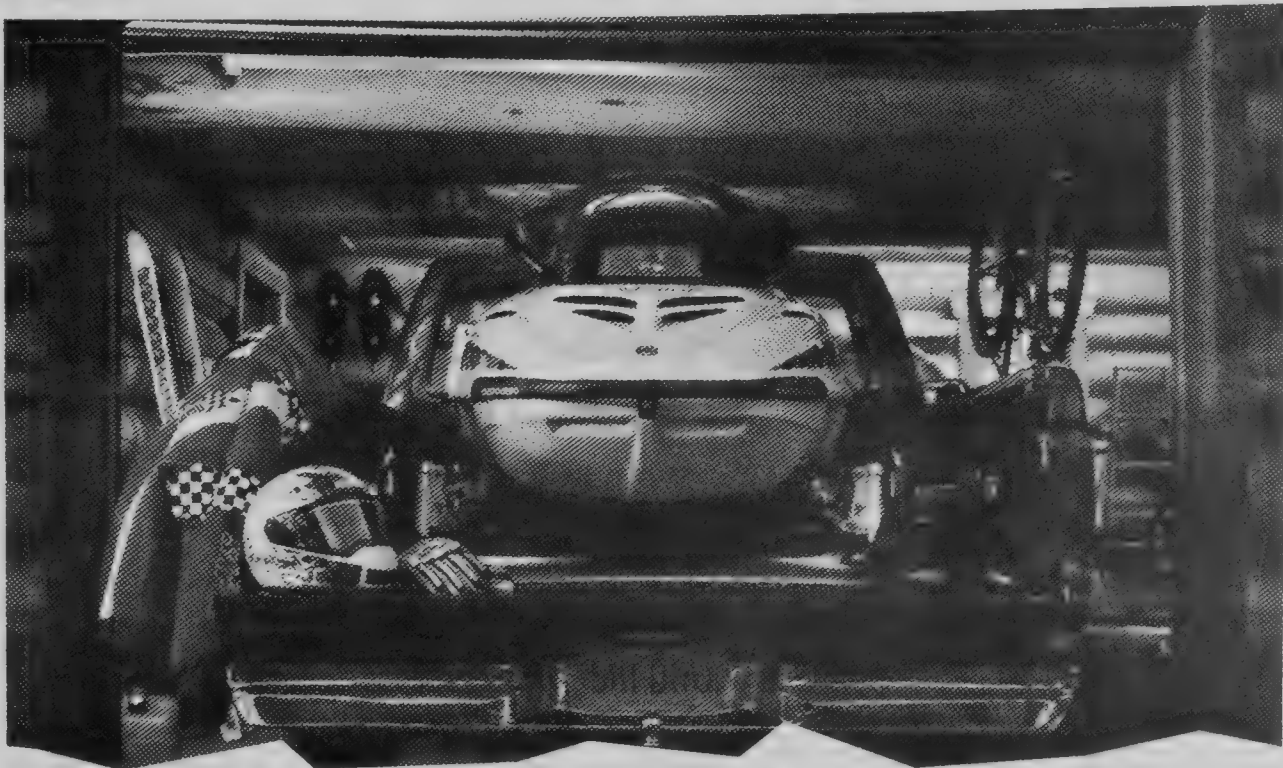
CURLING CORNER

by GOLDIE FOSTER

Lassie spiel a big success

The Highland Lassies Bonspiel was a classy event. Earl Cooper piped the ladies onto the ice to kick-off the bonspiel last Saturday. Phyllis Woodcock, Bunnie Scott and Betty Moffat put up a delicious lunch served by the senior men. The overall winners were from Lakefield: skip Marion Gummo, Marg Wilfred, Marie Patterson and Fern Faul. Second overall was Haliburton's Marg Bull, Fern Timbers, Molly Fletcher and Pat Hamill. The afternoon was highlighted with an auction, which was a hoot, provided by the senior men. Thanks, guys.

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Kushog Lake radar run event produces speed of 145.5 MPH

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

If speed is king, then Al Thompson of Pickering is wearing the crown as he reigns over the snowmobilers across the province.

At Saturday's sanctioned radar runs at Kushog Marine, it wasn't surprising that he won the event with a speed of 145.5 miles per hour. Most of his nearest competitors seemed phenomenally slow in comparison.

But then again, not everyone has a snowmobile like Thompsons. The owner of Pickering Marine has spent many hours and dollars creating the fastest snowmobile in Ontario.

"In this (quarter mile) dis-

tance, it hasn't been beat," he said as organizers waited for a snow squall to end so they could plow the track. The speed record for snowmobiles is 160 mph, set in United States.

The fastest stock snowmobile comes with a 900cc engine. Thompson's 1994 Arctic Cat engine has 1050cc's. Other special features are a speed track and custom-built clutching. The snowmobile itself sits very close to the ground and isn't built for comfort.

Ideal speed conditions are an icy surface and not much snow.

The owners of Kushog Marine hope to make the radar runs an annual event. Saturday's event was a repeat performance of speed tests the previous month which attracted more than 300



FASTEST TEAM IN ONTARIO: This custom-built snowmobile has the fastest speed in Ontario, say Larry Van Dyke, Al Thompson and Mark Shephard, who not surprisingly had the top speed at Kushog Marine's radar runs.

snowmobilers.

Here are some of the results in miles per hour:

Open: Al Thompson, 145.5; Wayne Simpson, 140.

ATS 9: Glen Deres, 104.2; Curtis Fielding, 102; Richard Fowle, 97.9.

ATS 11: Bob Switzer, 119.4;

Tom Mesula, 113.9

ATS 345: Bruce Cook, 94.8; Jeff Beech, 90.7; Andy Madill, 87.4

ATS 6: James Easton, 99.3; Paul Townson, 97.3; Jason Newell, 96.6

ATS 2: Dave Adams, 73.1

ATS 7 & 8: Larry Arnold Jr.,

103.4; Richard Ginn, 101.3; Jason Price, 101.3; Brian Beech, 99.9

Pro Stock Open: Charles Primmer, 121.4; Al Thompson, 116.6; Scott Munro, 102.7

ATS 10: A. Hoogendam, 114.8; Tom Nisula, 113.9; Rob Schooping, 110.5.



HAPPY SKATERS: These members of the Haliburton Figure Skating Club competed in the Kawartha Highlands Interclub recently. Back row from left: Kelly Dawson, Tanya Hunter, Cassandra Nimigon, Katherine Hagerman, Tori Browne, Cedric Butz, Jenna Benoit. Front row: Melanie Howitt, Jenny Perrott, Trisha Hunter, Holly Emmerson, Greg Nimigon.

Local skaters do well

by CELESTE BUTZ
Haliburton Figure Skating Club

On Feb. 24, skaters from the Haliburton Figure Skating Club went to Bobcaygeon to compete in the 25th annual Kawartha Highlands Interclub.

Everyone skated really well and had a lot of fun. Congratulations!

The results are: Canskate "A" Ladies - Flight 2 - Jennifer Perrott 4th. Canskate "B" Mens - Cedric Butz 2nd.

Pre-preliminary "B" Ladies - Flight 1 - Jenna Benoit 6th, Vanessa Eastmure 7th. Flight 2 - Terry Dawson 5th, Trisha Hunter 7th. Flight 3 - Tori Browne 4th, Jodanne Parish 7th.

Team Figures - Katharine Hagerman, Tanya Hunter, Adnrea Pawluch, Tristan Pawluch 4th.

Team Elements - Beginner - Haley Emmerson, Malanie Howitt, Greg Nimigon, Jillian Parish 1st. Junior - Jenna Benoit, Terry Dawson, Jodanne Parish,

Jennifer Perrott 6th. Intermediate - Tori Browne, Tanya Hunter, Cassandra Nimigon, Tristan Pawluch 6th.

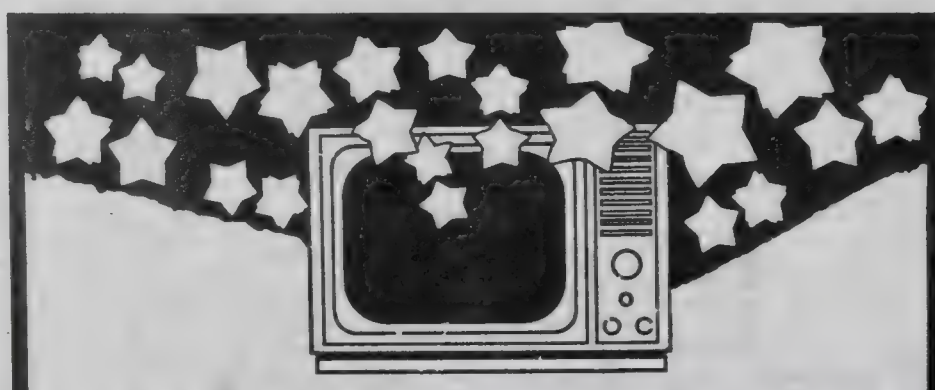
Beginner Pairs - Tanya Hunter and Tori Browne 2nd. Trisha Hunter and Vanessa Eastmure 10th. Preliminary Ladies Interpretive - Abby Blythe Hagerman 11th.

Junior Bronze Interpretive - Katharine Hagerman 5th.

Earlier in February three skaters went to Kingston to compete in the Eastern Ontario Sectionals:

Tanya Hunter came in 10th, Cassandra Nimigon came in 4th and Andrea Pawluch came in 5th, in their appropriate categories. These results were really good because they were skating against people from all around Eastern Ontario.

Absent from Photo are: Tristan Pawluch, Andrea Pawluch, Jodanne Parish, Jillian parish, Abby Blythe Hagerman, Vanessa Eastmure.



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MHL gets set for tourney

by MR. HOCKEY
Minden and Haliburton

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But that's enough about frivolous, fanatic and financial foul-ups. Let's Talk Hockey!

Match up number one had the very hot Elstone Motormen up against the unpredictable Haliburton Lumbermen. The game started late but it had little effect on the Lumbermen as they jumped into the driver's seat and took a commanding 6 to 1 lead after two frames. The Elstone team scrambled in the third but could only manage three more as Haliburton Lumber handed Elstones a 7 to 4 defeat. Haliburton Lumber's hound dogs were Phil Jung, Mike Keaney and Bernie Upton all with two goals and Carl Rowbottom had an ace. Elstone's top salesmen were Dave McKay (two goals), Tim Chambers and Joe Kitley.

Game two had the Roberts-Austin Fuelers up against the Emmerson Lumbermen, with The Lumber smothering The Fuelers 10 to 5. The Lumbermen were happy to have Scott Clements (three goals), Dean Chalk (five points), and Kevin Hamilton (three goals) loading the net. Roberts-Austin's points came from Chad "What time is it?" Burden and Chris Hodgson each with two and Ken Riley with the remainder.

Numero three had the Bishop and Wilson Surveyors and the Vasey Insurance Agents with Vasey's triumphant again in their quest to regain

first place. Top Agent for Vasey's was Erin "another notch" Nicholls with 13 points, as they won 14 to 8. Bishop and Wilson's Kevin Morissette (five points), Jamie Dollo (four points), Vince Duchene (three points), Jeff Warburton and Phil Barry (two points a piece) are the top Surveyors.

The Grand Finale had the red hot Youngdale Fuelers up against the stalled Currys team. Youngdales scored 15 times while the Motormen could only manage six in return. Top Fuelers were Ron Yake (10 points), Jason Billings (eight points) and Wayne Mulley (seven points), Troy Crowder countered with five points of his own for Curry's aided by Barry Boice's four assist's.

Mr. Hockey would like to remind those interested parties of the upcoming tournament at the Dysart Arena on Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16. Games start Friday night at 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. with a dance Saturday night.

Mr. Hockey's Picks for the tournament.

- 1) Curry's vs Youngdales
- 2) Vasey's vs Emmersons
- 3) Elstones vs Bishop and Wilson
- 4) Roberts-Austin vs Haliburton Lumber

Remember "Keep your stock on the ice."

Editor's Note: We called the municipality to find out about the registered letters. The letter was about drinking which took place in the change rooms. This is against arena rules and is illegal. The municipality's new procedure, which was sent to the MHL for comment before it was passed, says that if there's an infraction, a letter of warning will be issued.

If there's a second infraction within two years, the team will receive notice of suspension by registered mail. Because there had been a similar problem in the fall, Councillor Dennis Casey wanted to make sure each of the players received the formal warning.

"It's a small price to pay to save someone's life in case of an accident or a lawsuit against the municipality, and therefore, taxpayers," Casey says.



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"The Force is inescapable"

Local resident's song puts Wilberforce on the musical map

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Editor

A CROWD of people is gathered around the cash register at Agnew's General Store in Wilberforce. Mary Barker, one of the store's owners, is grinning from ear to ear as she tells people to just wait, the big moment is about to happen. Sure enough, a few seconds later, there's a whoop of joy and much laughter.

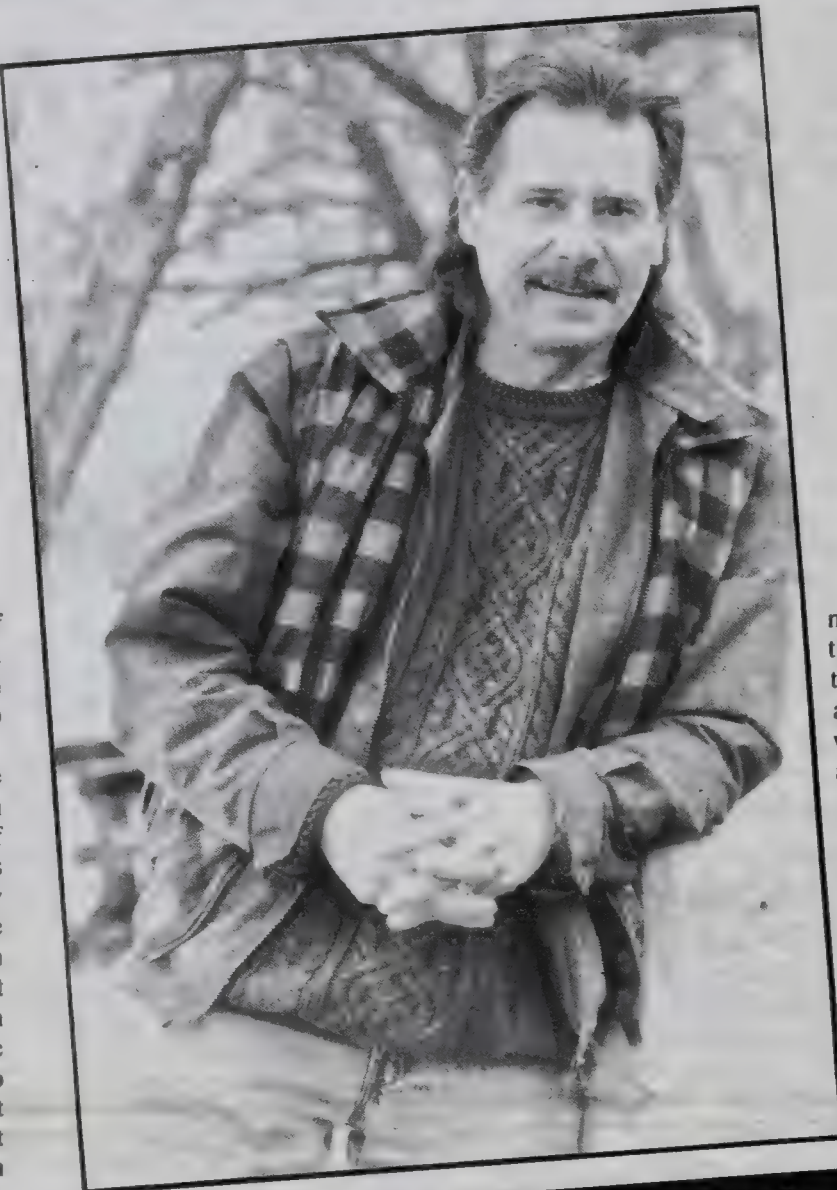
Almost non-stop, Agnew's Store was playing a new song called The Force, written and performed by Ted Neuman, who owns a cottage on the Burnt River, almost directly in the middle of town. Although people are well pleased with the entire song, it's the chorus which particularly catches the fancy of

the people of Wilberforce: "So if you need to set yourself at ease, get on the proper course... down Hwy. 648, deep in the loop, to Wilberforce..."

"When the world Wilberforce comes on, everyone's mouth falls open... The residents of Wilberforce are thrilled," beams Barker, whose mind is already racing with ways to highlight the song. The community choir can sing it at special occasions, it could be the theme of a float in the Country Good Times parade and it would be a great way to fill the time between games at hockey tournaments. "It's just got so much potential, we can hardly wait."

It was a much quieter scene which prompted Neuman to write the ode to his favourite get-away spot.

Neuman and his wife Mavis were paddling their canoe on



"The melody came to me instantly and I could hardly write fast enough" says songwriter Ted Neuman

made him move away. Work in the book publishing industry took him to dozens of cities and after a 15-year career ended with the sale of Penguin Books a few years ago, he began work in the maintenance department for Oshawa Transit. As they say, it's a job.

In 1994, the Neumans were able to buy the cottage with friends, allowing his life to come full circle. Like many others, his dream is of being one day able to move "back home."

Music is another form of escape. "This is an outlet for me, to sit down and write songs," he says, in between stops to various radio stations which enthusiastically received copies of The Force and its "B" side, The Overly Canadian

Taxpayer's Burden Blue\$.

"It's a little old to be starting at 46, but I guess I've just got to that point," he says. And when the scene around him in Wilberforce is so inspiring, he finds it impossible not to want to express himself in song.

Complaining about taxes in a song also makes it sound less than the perpetual Canadian whine. "Music gets the message across better. People can get really into it," he says of The Overly Canadian Taxpayer's Burden Blue\$. "Instead of complaining about it, I thought I'd put it to music."

With both songs, you don't have to live in Wilberforce to enjoy them. The taxpayer's blues, of course, have the widest appeal, but The Force evokes pleasant images for anyone who appreciates a country way of life. Likewise, the music crosses any classifications. It's not coun-

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Ian Scrimgeour, left, and another customer listen to the song with Mary Barker at Agnew's Store

Wilbermere Lake last summer. "We were 100 yards from shore, it was 27°, not a cloud in the sky, the water was calm and clear and it just hit me," he says. "The melody came to me instantly and I could hardly write fast enough."

The song may have been written quickly, but the ideas and impressions have been filtered through a lifetime. Now 46, Neuman was born in Bancroft and spent his youth travelling the roads leading to Wilberforce. Developing a deep love of the area, where his parents still live today, he never really left it even when the task of making a living



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Musician hopes showcase may be door to the big time

Ian Brohm of Haliburton will perform in Toronto event that lets music industry executives scout new country talent

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton country musician Ian Brohm is hoping to turn 30 minutes in the spotlight tomorrow night into a record deal and a dream come true.

Based on the merits of his singing and songwriting, the 30-year-old has earned a rare opportunity to play before a select crowd of music industry professionals scouting new talent.

Brohm is one of 450 musicians and bands chosen by the Canadian Country Music Association to perform during a week-long musical showcase in Toronto.

The event, which will take place in dozens of nightclubs and other venues across the city this week, will be taken in by 2,200 record company executives from across North America who have the power to decide who gets signed to a record deal and who doesn't.

Brohm, who owns and operates Haliburton's Hair Emporium with his wife, Lynne, is looking at the event as a chance to make it to the big time.

"I'm going to go out there and give it all I've got," he said. "...Ultimately one day I'd like to be to be Haliburton's version of Shania Twain and put this place on the map. That's the dream anyway — whether it

happens or not is up to the powers that be."

Like all of the other musicians picked to play in the showcase, Brohm will be given 30 minutes of stage time. He plays tomorrow night at 12:30 at a Queen St. bar called Club Indigo.

Backing up the Highland native will be the band he performs with across the county, Summerwind.

Also joining him will be a talented young singer he has sung with before, 12-year-old Alicia Sales, also from Haliburton.

Alicia will sing harmonies with Brohm on many of the songs he performs and the two will sing a duet ("Heart Half Empty") at the end of the act.

"I wanted to help Alicia as much as I can," said Brohm. "Her mom and dad have always been really supportive. She's an incredible little singer for a 12-year-old girl."

Brohm said he held out very little hope he would be selected for the showcase last fall when he sent off an audition tape he made with three original songs.

"I was really shocked when I found out I was chosen," he explained. "I opened up the letter with Lynne in front of the post office and let out a whoop and then got on with the day's business."

Among the eight to 10 songs he plays tomorrow, Brohm plans to sing the three he wrote that won him the spot at the showcase.

This year Brohm says he has been concentrating as much of his spare time as possible to developing and polishing his own material with hope of getting the money together to make a record.

Currently, he has demo tapes in the hands of one producer in Nashville and Canada's top country music producer, Randal Prescott.

Three years ago Brohm played in a similar talent showcase in Nashville, but wasn't as prepared and didn't have his own songs to perform.

This time, he's hoping he has what it takes to prick up the record companies' ears.

Regardless of what may happen with his music career, Brohm says the hair salon he opened over a decade ago will continue to operate and Haliburton will remain home.

Brohm's next local performance will be April 6 at the Haliburton Legion during Maple Fest activities.

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His fan club in Wilberforce may be small, but it sure is mighty.

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try, it's not folk, it's not just the blues — it just has everyone singing along.

The overwhelmingly positive response to the tape has boosted Neuman's spirits and given him the enthusiasm to plan more songs in the future. His main desire is to write songs, not necessarily sing them, and he's surprised by how much musical talent he's found at Oshawa Transit. Joining him on the tape are Len Brant and Chris Bensley, vocals; George Phillips, bass; and Paul Zwolinski, instrumentals — all people he met one way or another through work. They recorded the two songs in Oshawa and Neuman would like to do a CD with Bensley singing his songs. Making music is an expensive endeavour, however, as everything and everyone must get paid by the hour. (The liner notes feature a map of the area and Neuman even moved Minden to south of Ingoldsby to make sure it was included.)

Whatever he does next, The Force will be with him. His fan club in Wilberforce may be small, but it sure is mighty.

Here are all the words to The Force:

I've never felt so peaceful, in my soul and in my mind... I've never met so many folks, as friendly and as kind... The summer landscape is a wonder, beautiful and serene... The sky bright blue, the water clear, the woodlands oh so green.

Chorus: So if you need to set yourself at ease, get on the proper course... down Hwy. 648, deep in the loop... to Wilberforce.

The fall time brings the colours, the leaves an artist's dream... A quiet walk in the forest, each tree a different scene. Then comes the season change, with snow deep, clean and white.. and a wealth of winter sport to enjoy to your heart's delight. Chorus...

New timber, new plant growth, spring is about to arrive... As if the world and all God's creatures... have come alive... the sounds of birds and other wildlife, the rivers, creeks, running wild... No matter what your age, you feel like when you were a child... Chorus and repeat (or if you're in Wilberforce, repeat and repeat again until the whole town knows the song by heart!)

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HHSS rock bands battle:

Two groups work hard at their music, and students who heard them at school dance-a-thon say both won

by SUE CARR
HHSS Co-op Student

The talent which can be found at our local high school is immense, and last week-ends' dance-a-thon allowed eight teenaged boys to exhibit their talent: music. They make up the two alternative music bands who entertained the 147 students in the early hours of Saturday morning with angry love songs, gentle ballads, and even a short humorous tune about a toque.

"Alderaan", comprised of singer Simon Reid, guitarist Eric Harris and drummer Joel Edwards is named after Princess Leah's home planet in the hit movie "Star Wars". Alderaan played strongly for the crowd, who showed their appreciation by calling the band back for two encores.

Even though the band began only in October and doesn't get the chance to play in public often they definitely proved they'll be around for quite some time. When asked if Alderaan, formerly known as "Agent Orange" and "Shaved Apes", has any plans for the future, Simon replied, "We'll see what goes down."

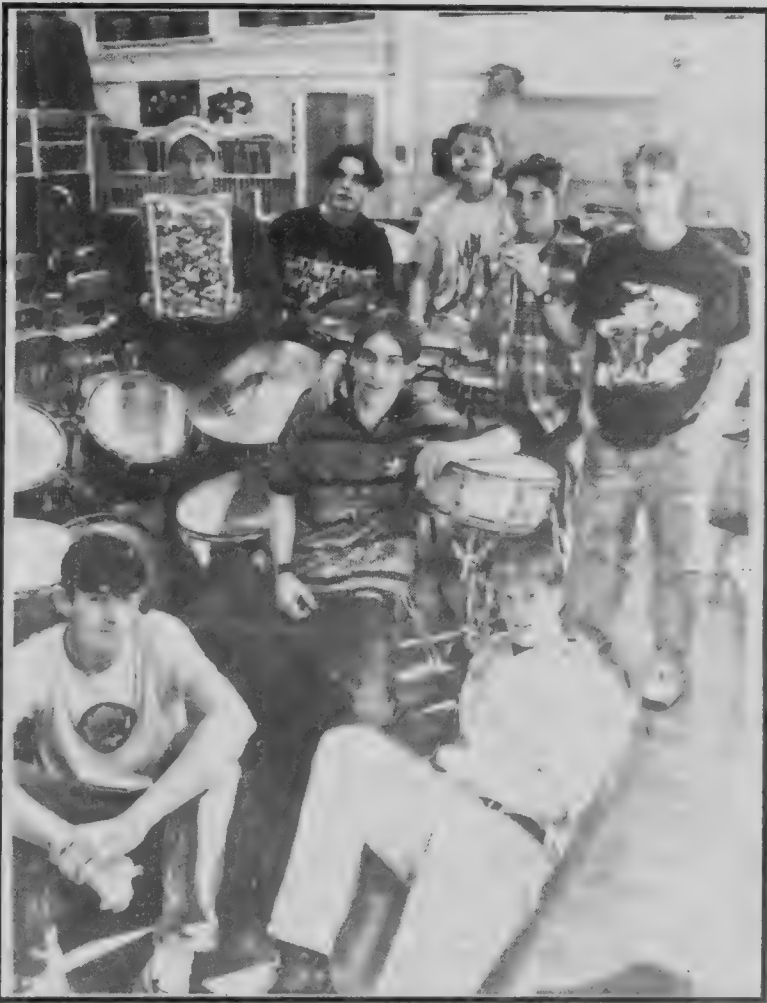
"Maiden Korea" with lead singer/guitarist Morgan Talaba, drummer/singer Bob Sisson, bass guitarist Kevin Brezina,

guitarist Jamie Henderson and Ben Ripley on guitar with his "funkalicious grooves", has made a strong name for itself at HHSS. Actually, they've made a few names for themselves. They've also been known as "My Liquid Garden", "Felt", "Painted Souls" and "Fun with Corduroy".

Why so many name changes? We feel it adds pizzazz and spunk," Morgan says. This band has performed at school-related events such as the annual Christmas concert and they "jam at parties". However, it would be nice to be well-known in the community, apart from the school, and in the future, the band would like to make a demo.

"We really need to learn how to play as a band," Bob stresses. "As a unit," Morgan adds.

The band began in Grade 7 with only Bob and Morgan and in Grade 9, they "threw it all together with Donald Todd as their manager and Joel Grossman acting as their mascot, "Happy Scrappy Hero Pop". Although the group feels that they don't imitate any other musicians' style, the crowd thinks differently, mentioning that the band sometimes sounds like a cross between popular bands Nirvana, Pearl Jam, and Green Day.



The winner of the "Battle of the Bands" cannot easily be determined. Both Alderaan and Maiden Korea played strongly considering the time of day and many students were visibly amazed at how good the bands sounded. The bands have respect for each other, and work hard to be the best they can be. Therefore, haven't they both won?

BATTLE OF THE BANDS:

Two student bands at HHSS are playing for the affection of fellow students. In the front are Eric Harris, Joel Edwards and Simon Reid of Alderaan. In the back are Maiden Korea members Kevin Brezina, Ben Ripley, Bob Sisson, Morgan Talaba and Jamie Henderson.

Artisans' Festival already gaining more attention

This summer's Highlands Artisans' Festival in Minden is attracting many more early applications from artists than ever before. The 22 applications are up from 13 received by February 28 last year.

Ruth Amos, administrator at the sponsoring Agnes Jamieson Gallery, said she is 'thrilled' by both the quality and quantity. The Festival, a display and sale of fine arts and one of a kind crafts, will

be held at the Minden Community Centre July 6 and 7.

Artists interested in participating should contact Amos at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.

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Better late than never?

HHSS Yearbooks arrive... after a three year wait

by SUE CARR
HHSS Co-op student

Yearbooks are an important aspect of high school. They act as windows into the past and are cherished by their owners, who use them to look back on friends, teachers, and secret crushes.

In 1993, students ordered and

THE YEARBOOKS ARE IN:

After an almost three-year wait, the 1993-94 HHSS yearbooks are available. Jennifer Turner, Dayle Kellestine, Bronwen Winsley and Jean-Anne Middleton wasted no time in taking a stroll down memory lane.

paid for their yearbooks. Almost three years later, they finally get to stroll down memory lane. The 1993-94 yearbooks arrived on Friday. Better late than never?

"Basically, I'm outraged," fumes Grade 11 student Jess Berry. "The yearbook committee shouldn't have taken on something that they couldn't finish."

Thomas O'Shaughnessy, an OAC student, feels the same way as most other graduating students.

"It's sad," he says. "I often sit at home and look through my parents yearbooks and think of the opportunities I will miss because I don't have my own yearbook."

Students want to know why the yearbook crisis happened.

Principal Gary Brohman has

an answer that seems to be the one that students would like to hear.

"It's partly the yearbook committee's fault for not meeting the deadline, and it's partly the company's (Canada Yearbook Services) fault for not going the extra mile to help us out."

Indeed he's right - the blame does not fall squarely on any one person. The committee was made up of volunteer students, and it is a hard job to get into. Extra-curricular activities and school itself make it hard to tackle such a big project. The committee missed the company's original deadline and when the students finally had the project all together, the company had commitments to print other schools' yearbooks and had to put aside HHSS's.

Thankfully, this problem will likely never happen again. Mr.

New equipment will enable participating students to completely publish a yearbook that will be ready on the last day of the school year, so it's hoped there will be no need to send anything away.

Brohman has approved a communication course in the broad-based technology department called TCJ3A yearbook course, which will begin in September. It is a two-credit course and runs for the full year - one period one semester, and one period in the second semester. New equipment will enable the participating students to completely publish a yearbook that will be ready on the last day of the school year, so it's hoped there will be no need to send anything away.

The key though, is still participation. Many students don't seem to have the time to fit this into their schedule but if there is a large number of interested students, a yearbook will be printed on site each year. For sure.

However, students are wary about purchasing another yearbook if the opportunity comes up again, and most are upset with themselves for buying the yearbook in the first place.

"It's the only year I didn't buy a yearbook," graduating OAC student Shaun Turner says. "I'm so glad."

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Horticultural Society closes

New garden club looking for members to continue projects

by LYNN HIGGS THOMPSON

The Haliburton Horticulture Society has been struggling for some time with only a few people to carry the workload and a lack of attendance at our public meetings. So after much thought we have decided to fold our local chapter. We no longer felt that we could fulfill the requirements of the Ontario Horticulture Association. We are also facing the loss of grand monies and felt that we would not be able to carry on as we had been.

The executive of the society still felt a commitment to the community and a desire to continue on with some of the work we were doing. Therefore, we decided to form the Haliburton Garden Club so that we could continue to plant the barrels and planters along the streets.

We are hoping that with a more informal structure and the continued support of the community we will be able to carry on with the work we enjoy doing.

Everyone on the Society executive agreed to stay on

speakers was our hardest job to do and we found that we no longer had anyone ready to undertake this task. Most of us had already done this for several years and did not feel that we had any more resources to call on.

We have decided to hold one workshop this year to see if that is more what the public wants.

So, on Saturday, April 13, we will be sponsoring a workshop on seeding, transplanting and propagation in the basement of the Haliburton United Church from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Michelle Chambers, a greenhouse expert who teaches horticulture at a Peterborough high school, will be leading the workshop with the help of some of our more experienced members. This will be a hands-on, or should I say a "hands-in" workshop. It will be divided into four sections each with an introduction and a short demonstration. Then there will be time for each person to do the work themselves with help from our panel of experts.

The four sections will be

seedlings for something else they would like to try. So if you have tomatoes coming out of your ears, maybe you could trade them for marigolds. If you do not have anything to plant or transplant but still want to come listen, watch and learn, you are more than welcome to attend. Refreshments will also be served. And we will have

a donation jar out for those people who would still like to support us in lieu of buying a membership.

We were very saddened to hear of the passing of Verne Graham, a longtime member of the Minden Horticulture Society and a past executive of the district four O.H.A. Verne was a master gardener and was

always willing to share his knowledge and love of gardening. He was a guest speaker for our society several times and he was always willing to lend us his support in any way. We will truly miss him. I think that the gardens in Heaven can only improve with his presence there. We extend our sympathies to the whole Graham family and

indeed the whole Minden community at the loss of this wonderful man.

Please mark your calendar for April 13 and plan to attend this informative workshop and help us kick off our new Garden Club. Hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome. Watch for ads closer to the day.

Hands-in' gardening workshop at Haliburton United Church will give participants time to do the work themselves with help from a panel of experts.

to form the new board of the Garden Club but, of course, we would really appreciate anyone who is interested in joining our group. We have decided not to sell memberships as they did not provide the members with any advantages. Instead, we are hoping that the financial support that we received from the community will continue. The Haliburton BIA has already graciously agreed to continue helping us with our watering costs. We would like to thank the BIA for this support and their belief in the value of our work.

We will continue to hold a fund-raising plant sale in the fall and hopefully develop some kind of sale in the spring. We will also continue to do all the planting that we do now. We felt that the street beautification is our most important role.

We were finding trying to hold five public meetings and a general meeting too demanding and not well enough attended for us to continue to this extent. Finding public

seeding, transplanting, propagation by cutting and propagation by division. For each section we hope to have examples for demonstration. (I'm trying to time my seeding so that some of it will be ready for transplanting that day and I'm hanging on to all my extra seed and begging my friends for theirs). Michelle also hopes to have a variety of material that people will be able to work with and take home. We also hope that participants will bring in their own supplies (i.e. containers, soil, seeds, seedlings, etc.) that they want to work with as we will not be able to supply everything.

This is your chance to bring in things you have not been very successful with (my problem is geranium cuttings) or something you just need a bit of help with or even something you have been successful with and want to share your tips about.

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School loses popular teacher in transfer

A very popular teacher, Brian Hough, who was the principal at Coboconk Ridgewood School, has been Coboconk's loss and Lindsay's gain. Brian taught at the old Coboconk Public School four years and at the new Ridgewood School since it opened in 1992. His new job is as principal at Queen Victoria School in Lindsay.

Brian was a friend of everyone and in the years to come his pupils here will no doubt agree that Brian had a very strong influence on their education and growing up years.

All the best to Brian Hough as he gets acquainted with the new faces at Queen Victoria in Lindsay. We will miss him I'm sure!

I was sorry to learn of the death of Eliza McCue in Riverdale Manor in Peterborough, on Thursday, February 15th. Eliza and her husband Alf lived in Rosedale just down the road in a house just full of the most beautiful flowers. They were both avid

gardeners and loved to show anyone all their beautiful flowers. Eliza has been in Riverdale Manor for quite some time. Alf passed away there in 1994. Sympathy goes out to her family and her sister, Marion Webber who lives on our next street.

There are a lot of people on the sick list and here are the ones I've heard about. Maude White has had surgery in Ross Memorial Hospital. Donna Reeve from Skinner's marine at Rosedale came home on Friday following surgery in Ross Memorial Hospital. Anna Wiseman and Norma Herbert were both admitted to Ross Memorial Hospital last week. Marg Michel was transferred on to Toronto after a week in Ross Memorial Hospital but I believe is home now.

My youngest sister, Anne (Marles) Goode, raised here in town has been in York County hospital for the past two weeks and faces possible leg amputation. Trying to let the rest of the family know is sometimes hard. When I

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Sheila Lake
454-2314

phoned our young brother, Louie Marles, he had just got home from a week in Finland where he'd gone on business for his employer, Ostin, at Peterborough. We hope and pray Anne can stand surgery as she hasn't been well for some time.

Addie Stevens passed away in Toronto last week. The name will not ring a bell with most because she was in her 107th year, and unless you are 85 or so, you maybe do not remember her. Mrs. Stevens and her husband, a vet, had a cottage here and Mrs. Stevens brothers and sisters lived and were born here. One of Mrs. Stevens brothers, Sanford Richman lived next door to us: A sister Bertha Caton had Lakewood Lodge: another sister,

Bella Caister lived beside the Trinity Full Gospel Church. All have been dead for years. Sympathy goes out to her son Buril and family.

Grace Young from Head Lake is home after surgery in the Civic Hospital in Peterborough.

Community Care celebrated their first anniversary at Civitan house recently. Bill Jay who is Coboconk Office Manager is always happy to have a volunteer for this community effort and will gladly answer all your questions.

On March 28th and 29th a "Stop the Suicide" seminar will be held in Coboconk at the Community Hall. The two day seminar intervention workshop will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The suicide awareness was formed because of increasing concerns over suicide related deaths in the northern communities of Coboconk, Norland, Kinmount and Kirkfield. There is a training workshop for those who come in contact with a person at risk. This includes men-

tal health workers, volunteers, police, teachers counsellors etc. The workshop gives an understanding of personal attitudes about suicide, how to recognize and access the risk intervention techniques. Conducted by Barbara Moffat and Associates, this is the second of its kind to be offered in Coboconk.

Interested persons can call Charlene at 454-3361 or David at 454-1621.

Mr. Hook, the crow is back for the fourth year. WE call him Mr. hook because his beak is shaped like a cup hook and he is quite tame. He made his appearance this morning, the 26th, the first since last fall. I gave him some buns and he 'cawed' a grateful thanks. He is a visitor to several houses that toss him out a treat. Spring must be nearly here, since Mr. Hook is back!

A number of kids from Ridgewood School enjoyed a ski trip to Sir Sam's Inn at Haliburton last week.

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Horseshoe Lake Rd. 1 from Hwy 35 to Davis Road
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Highland Ranch Rd; Bobcaygeon Road from Minden
to and including the Big hill on the Queen's Line;
Scotch Line East and West and all points in
between.

NOTICES

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

The Corporation of the Township of Monmouth

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands
described below and will be received until 2:00p.m. local time on March 21,
1996 at the Municipal Township Office, Lloyd Watson Centre, Highway 648,
Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day 2:15 p.m. local
time.

Description of Lands	Minimum Tender
Part Lot 2, Con 9	\$2,577.25
Part Lot 33, Con 16, Plan 611, lot 18	\$1,842.66
Part Lot 33, Con 16, Plan 611, lot 17	\$1,842.66
Part Lot 33, Con 16, Plan 611, lot 9	\$2,524.02
East Part Lot 27, Con 7	\$2,741.87
Part Lot 16, Con 11	\$2,617.68

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be
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The sale is governed by the Municipal Tax Sales Act and the Municipal Tax
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OBITUARY

Doris Wilson began career as Red Cross Outpost nurse

A funeral service was held at the Cambridge St. United Church in Lindsay for Doris May Wilson, who passed away Friday Feb. 16th, 1996.

Doris Wilson, born in Bristol England, came with her family in 1913 to settle in Wilberforce. She was known to all as Dolly Schofield. While still in early teens she worked as assistant to the first nurse at the newly opened Wilberforce Red Cross Hospital. At times she was called on as teacher at the local school.

Encouraged to continue her interest in nursing she applied to the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay and graduated. In a short time she had won the respect of the staff for her showing of competence and efficiency and she became superintendent.

She married George Wells, lived in Cambray and had a daughter Jane. After the death of her husband, Dolly, now known as Doris, married Dr. Stewart Wilson. They lived in Islington then Lindsay.

A brother Frank died two years ago. She leaves brother Reg Schofield of Wilberforce, Jane and David Walling of Lindsay, four grandchildren with their husbands and wives and one great grandchild. Also numerous nieces and one nephew.

Doris Wilson was a faithful member of the church and received a life membership to the U.C.W.

Always ready to lend a hand when needed Doris led a generous, unselfish life leaving fond memories with her many friends.



BEST OF MEMBERS AT SHOW: The Members Show at Rails' End Gallery is adjudicated, and Friday night, awards were given to, from left: Ed Araquel, James Stewart, Primrose Birrell, Walter Verhoeven, Archie Briggs, John Middleton, Brad Emmerson and Dick Griffin. Absent are Mary Wallace, Donna Gordon and Haroldine Seli.

Dozens enjoy toboggan party

To catch up on news of two weekends ago when I was away, two events to report: a Rainbows party and a toboggan party both on February 17

Angela Bilodeau, Haliburton co-ordinator of Rainbows, organized a wrap-up party for the children involved and some of the parents and leaders of the group at St. Andrew's Church on the 17th.

WEST GUILFORD

News

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Toboggans, GT's, magic carpets, flying saucers were all part of the noise and laughter. The talk and cheerful shouting at the Chumbley hill at the annual Anglican parish event. About 25-30 kids and 15 or so adults joined in the fun on a day of good winter weather. Snow taffy, hot chocolate and cookies rounded off another good family parish get-together. Kendra and one year

old Zachary Boice had a week in Florida with Janet Sisson and boys just recently. Word has it that the youngest of all was great hit with the adoring seniors on the beach there.

LIFT happens on March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Baptist Church on Pine Lake. Instruction on care of plants is offered at this time by Nancy Brink, florist.

Congratulations to Liane Drofi on her participation in the Legion public speaking competition, her topic Wolf Howling.

Euchre on Tuesday evenings continues to be popular at the Centre. This week past, high scores went to Bev Hunt and Myra Marshall and lone hands to Rita Barry and Ken Clements.

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Hwy. No.	Location
503	From Hwy. 48, Kirkfield North easterly to Hwy. 121 Kinmount
504	From Hwy. 620A, easterly to Hwy. 620 at Glen Alda
505	From Jct. Hwy. 48 northerly to Jct. Hwy. 503 at Uphill
506	From Jct. Hwy. 41 easterly to Plevna
507	From Jct. Hwy. 28 northerly to Jct. Hwy. 36 at Buckhorn and from Jct. Hwy. 36 at Flynn's corners northerly to Jct. Hwy. 503 at Gooderham
509	From Plevna South easterly to Jct. Hwy. 7
515	From East Limits of Quadeville to Jct. Hwy. 512
517	From Jct. Hwy. 62 at Combermere southerly to Carlow Twp. Rd.
523	From Jct. Hwy. 60 at Madawaska southerly to Hastings/Nipissing county Bndry.
648	From Jct. Hwy. 121 southerly to Dyno Mines
649	From Jct. Hwy. 36 at Bobcaygeon northerly to Jct. Hwy. 121
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The above Highways and local roads boards will be subject to "Reduced Load Limits" effective upon the erection of signs, which may be erected any time after March 1st depending on weather conditions.

B) Restrictions on Permits Issued

Pursuant to section 93 of the Highway Traffic Act:

- 1) All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the act, unless otherwise specified are not valid on any highways during the months of March and April.
- 2) Single Trip Permits, for moving of overloads on Highways not designated in schedules 1, 2 and 3, may be issued, but are subject to axle controls established by compliance branch, safety and regulation division.



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Loop Troupe rehearses new play

Actors struggle with lines, production questions as opening day draws near

WILBERFORCE

News

Hilda Clark

"We've got to learn those lines. No books for the first act next week. Stand nearer the couch. Will the audience hear you from there? Faint more

slowly. Wouldn't the door be better over there? Do you realize how few Wednesdays there are left? Do we have a bath tub? Where can I get large farm overalls, not coveralls?"

There are just a few of the comments heard at last week's rehearsal of the Loop Troupe's production of Paul Tremere's "That Pioneer Spirit". Show times, April 20 and 21, are fast approaching and the whole crew is digging in, hoping to provide some entertaining moments for the local fans.

The Force tapes are back in stock at Agnew's Store. Thanks to Ted Neuman and his group for doing this work. Just when the February blues had about done its worst, we hear Ted's words remind us how lucky we are to live here. Guess what snack was served at Seniors' Curling? Why, of course, The Force Burgers! Having a song about the village released in February is very cheering and gets the creative juices flowing.

Bud Storey, who plows

my driveways, just dropped in for reimbursement and with good news. We may have had our fill of winter weather, but he only had to plow once in February. Maybe things aren't so bad after all.

Ever in need of funds to carry out its programs, the W. Heritage Guild has acquired another quilt top. It will soon be ready to quilt at The House in the Village. It's hoped that all the fine quilters in the area will find some time to put some stitches in this lovely star patterned piece. It will be raffled, with the draw taking place at Country Good Times.

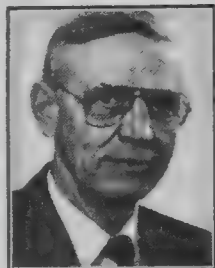
Though it's months away, Country Good Times activities are being planned. If you have suggestions for changes, improvements, etc., do let the Recreation Committee know.

Noted, some fine scenery being prepared for the Monmouth Skating Club's upcoming carnival "Under the Big Top". Do mark your date book for treat even on Saturday,

March 30 at 7:00 p.m. Guest skaters this year are sisters, Renee and Rachel Richard, originally from Bancroft Skating Club. They are both double gold

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News

Ann McKay
489-2924

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Penney spent the weekend of February 24 in Georgetown with daughter Jo-Anne and family and the past weekend in New Liskeard with daughter Suzanne and family where their grandchildren are in skating with the carnival.

Mary Packard is in Scotland to visit a friend who is quite ill and hopes to touch base with some of her relatives.

The UCW meeting will be held in the Bert Allen room on Tuesday, March 5 at 1:30 p.m. All ladies welcome.

Most people are very glad to see the month of March. This year the winter has been so long and cold, but we survived, the worst is behind us.

Garth and Helen Windsor had daughter Sandy Kniffen and family for the weekend.

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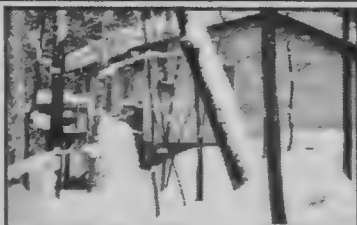
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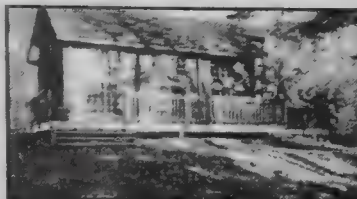
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Outdoors Association feeds deer to help them through long, cold winter

by CHRIS COWAN
HHOA MEMBER

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) has been extremely busy so far in 1996. Here's just a short run-through of what we have accomplished:

In early January, snowmobile trails were established in the Hindon and Percy Lake deer yards. These trails enabled the deer to get around better and reach much needed browse. The MNR looked after the Hindon yard and the Outdoors Association looked after the Percy Lake yard.

Ted Vasey and myself attended a meeting at the Dorset Frost Centre in late January. At this meeting it was established that the HHOA would more than likely be required to feed deer this year, due to the depth of the snow, the severe coldness and the fact that the deer went into the yards early.

As the winter severity index increased, the Outdoors Association purchased eight tonnes of grain and started feed-

ing at the Monmouth, Drag Lake and Percy Lake deer yards. We were also providing some feed at Brady Lake in the Hindon Yard.

The Outdoors Association will be receiving 10 tonnes of grain this week. It was purchased by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters through their deer feeding program. We hope this will be enough to get us through until breakup, when the deer move out of the yards.

Our association has been approached by a number of individuals wanting feed or saying that they can no longer afford to feed. Unfortunately, at an earlier meeting, it was decided by our directors that we cannot supply individuals and that the feed would be used in the core of the four largest yards. Please, you should not start feeding deer until conditions and winter severity warrant it. This is mainly directed to the people who start feeding deer in late December and then leave for Florida or realize that the deer have become quite a financial

responsibility and can no longer afford to feed them. The deer become dependent on this food, though, and need it to survive.

Our association has also received many donations of money, feed and volunteer labor and we would like to thank these individuals.

If anyone would like to help with the deer feed program, please forward a donation (tax deductible) to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association or to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Please specify on your donation to the OFAH if you would like the funds to be used in the Haliburton area. You can also donate money at your local branch of the Bank of Montreal.

In total, we have purchased 24 tonnes of feed, a 50/50 corn oats mixture, and put several hundred volunteer man hours into the program.

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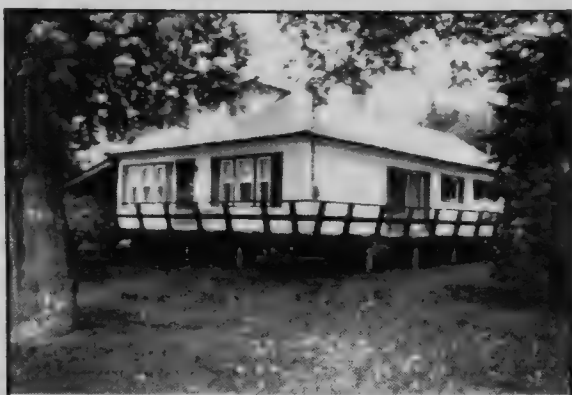


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Mighty Mites host Wilberforce tournament

by SUE CLARKSON
Wilberforce Minor Hockey

The Rockets held their very first Mite Tournament this past weekend. Four teams competed: the Haliburton Huskies, Minden Monarchs, Bobcaygeon Cougars and Wilberforce Rockets.

The Rockets met Minden for the first game. The Monarchs took a 2-0 lead. Brandon Bay scored in the second followed by Andi Donaldson from Brandon Bay, to tie the game. (Congratulations Andi on your first goal!) Minden took the lead again before the end of the second. The third was full of back and forth play and with 55 seconds left in third, the Rocket goalie played forward, almost scoring on one occasion. It was Brandon Bay who scored to tie the game. The crowd went crazy. Overtime was next. After a five minute sudden death round the score was still tied at three. The second five minute round saw a decrease of players until they were one on one. Mathew Johnston was amazing in goal. With only 13 seconds left, Minden scored to take the win. MVP honours went to Andi Donaldson. An excellent game!

The second game put Haliburton and Wilberforce together. Jessee Tallman opened the scoring from Kyle Steele, only to have the Huskies get a marker and tie the game. Kyle

Steele again put us in the lead late in the first period. Jessee scored his second of the game from C.J. Clarkson putting the Rockets ahead 3-1. The Huskies answered with one more keeping the Rockets working hard. Then it was Andi Donaldson scoring from Brandon Bay to seal the victory. Final Score: Rockets 4 - Huskies 2. MVP honours went to Jessee Tallman who not only scored two of the goals, but was stoned on at least five other break-a-ways by Huskie goalie, Mathew Duchene. Super game!

The boys were now playing for the A Championship and were pitted against Minden, which took the lead. The game was tight in the second with no goals being tallied. The third period was a different story with Minden gaining a 3-0 lead. Jessee Tallman scored an unassisted goal part way through the third, but Minden came back with three more to win 6-1. Having fewer players than any of the other teams, our boys were quite pooped by the end of a long day of hard work. MVP honours deservedly went to Mathew Johnston who kept the team in all three of these games. Way to go boys - A finalists! Zack Townsend, Josh Townsend, Dryden Hurst, and Jason Bay were vital members of the team.

Each of the boys were presented with a trophy for their efforts. We would like to thank the ice

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The Atoms travelled to Woodville late last month. Five goals were scored in the first period with Woodville ahead 3-2 leading the fans to think this would be a big scoring match. The second period stayed scoreless as the teams hustled back and forth. The third got quite nasty. Still trying to get one more marker, the Rockets were unyielding with pressure until with just 18 seconds left in the game, Ben DeCarlo beat their goalie to tie the game. Brandon Logan and Mitchell Clarkson

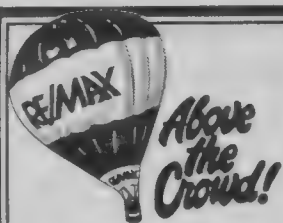
scored the other two goals with an assist going to Tim Covert. Final Score: Rockets 3 - Woodville 3. Boy, a lot of these games are close.

The Bobcaygeon Cougars travelled to the Rocket Gardens Saturday for the last game of Atom B playoffs. The first period was full of back and forth play, but the Cougar defence kept the Rockets to only one shot on goal. A power play early in the second gave the Rockets some great attempts, but the goalie stoned the boys at every turn. Bobcaygeon then scored two in thirty seconds, one a three on one opportunity. The Cougars' #10 lost his stick in their own zone and Mitchell Clarkson capitalized, bringing the team within one. This seemed to spur the team on. Defenceman Matthew Reil passed the puck to Mitchell at who deked the defenceman and then the goalie for another backhanded goal to tie the game. With just 3:04 left in the third, and everyone thinking we could win or at least tie, Bobcaygeon scored two quickly to take the game. Mathew Manary, Ben DeCarlo and Paul Hutchinson played a particularly good game, and everyone kept a good eye on #10 and held him scoreless. Well done.

The PeeWees hosted the Sutton Flames later the same day. This was the last game of

this round of the playoffs as well. The Flames scored two markers in eleven seconds, leaving the Rockets somewhere shell shocked. In the second during a Sutton power play, the defence pairing of Corby Semple and Adam Clarkson prevented the Flames from even one shot on goal. Sean Critch picked up a loose puck and shot one on net only to be denied entry, but Ian Brown took advantage and quickly shot it in for a goal to bring the team within one - Love those rebounds! Shortly after, the Flames got a break-a-way and scored making the Rockets' job that much tougher. In the third the team capitalized early on when Sean Critch made a beautiful pass to Chris Alden for a power play goal, again bringing the team within one. Many more set-ups were tried but foiled at one turn or another. Adam Clarkson let a slapshot rip to the net and Chris Alden tapped it in to tie the game. With less than five minutes to play, the Flames got two quick goals to take this game. The PeeWees may have met their match in this team. Final Score: Sutton 5 - Rockets 3.

The PeeWees have a very impressive first round playoff record 7 - 3 - 0. This is a very strong team and they will do well if they remember not to be so hard on themselves when a mistake is made.



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Meeting set for ratepayers

GOODERHAM

News

Anne Costeloe
447-2400

The Glamorgan Township Council will be hosting a ratepayers meeting on Saturday, March 9th at 1 p.m. at the Community Centre. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions of your elected councillors - and to make

suggestions.

On Thursday March 7th, there will be a clothing exchange at the Pentecostal Church, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Coffee, refreshments and child care provided. This is a Parent Support Services project.

Gooderham Elementary School "Student of the Week" is Ronnie Jones. Ronnie, a kindergarten student, is being recognized for his sponge printing.

Residents, family dance to music

EXTENDICARE

News

Barb Fryer

Monday night 9 Country Boys came in to celebrate and play for the residents. There were many family members in attendance to dance and sing with the residents.

On Tuesday Betty Salvatori led the Bible Study. Later that day the residents played bingo. Wednesday, residents exercised their minds on Trivia, with Donna.

Robert Thompson and Jock Mavor visited the residents on Thursday to sing with and for the residents.

It is always a pleasure to have them visit.

Reverend Harry Morgan led the Church Service on Friday, with John Menzies at the piano.

The residents and staff mourn the sudden passing of Mr. Robert Carter. Robert has been the President of the Resident Council "The Old Timer's Group". Mrs. Carter has been very supportive of the residents of Extendicare. Our condolences go out to her at the loss of her husband.

Residents and staff wish to welcome a new member to our midst, Mr. Cecil Milligan. We hope that his stay will be a long and happy one.

HALIBURTON COUNTY Community Events

March 8 - Haliburton Community Mental Health Support Group requires your assistance regarding a submission for proposals; for a new sponsoring agency, for all aspects of mental health. Contact (705) 286-3794, Fax 286-4886 March 9 - Stanhope/Carnarvon Police Support Association is sponsoring a "Spaghetti Dinner" at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall. Saturday March 9 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$7, Children 7-12 \$4, Children 6 and under FREE.

March 16 - "Downhomer Night" To benefit O.S.P.C.A. Lindsay Armoury, "Jigs Dinner" 6:30 p.m. and dance. Advance tickets: (705) 324-8033. (after six 324-7975.)

March 23 - "Loon Magic" - Sat. March 23, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Deer Lodge. Mr. Harry Vogel from the Long Point Bird Observatory will be speaking on the Common Loon. A donation of a "Loonie" for the Loons will be taken at the door. Please call Lynda at 447-2348 to register due to limited seating.

April 11 - Bus Trip to Art Gallery of Ontario. See New Group of Seven show. Price \$50. - includes bus, A.G.O. entrance, and dinner. For details call Rails' End Gallery, 457-2330.

April 24 - Join Haliburton County Home Support Services to see "Sunset Blvd." Registration Day March 7/96. For further details call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

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